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# TOWN HALL IN TROUBLE OVER COMPLAINTS

## Council response often takes months

MEDWAY Council has posted dismal complaint response results – taking more than 100 days to answer one enquiry.

The council was shown to be among the worst 10 per cent of unitary authorities in the country when it comes to answering the Local Government Ombudsman's questions.

The sorry statistic was revealed in the LGO's annual review of the authority, published last week.

The report shows the ombudsman investigated 94 complaints against the council between April 2008 and March of this year.

### EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

Council bosses took on average more than 40 days to respond to the ombudsman's enquiries and allowed 108 days – nearly four months – to pass before answering one housing query.

The LGO report also shows 46 per cent of the complaints against Medway council were resolved by way of a 'local settlement' between the authority and the complainant – substantially up on the 27 per cent national average.

These settlements resulted in a total of £4,850 of taxpayers' money being paid out in compensation.

The report's findings have been criticised by Medway's Labour and Liberal Democrat parties.

Labour's business support spokesman Glyn Griffiths said: "The report highlights significant failings on the council's part."

"The ombudsman also claims that the council is slow to apologise or offer recompense, and only does so when pressed."

"It is this fact - that the Tories offer some shoddy services to residents, but

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## KELLY ON CAMPUS FOR OPENING DAY

Rock chick Kelly Osbourne will come to Medway to help launch the opening of MidKent College's new multi-million pound campus.

The reality TV show star – daughter of Black Sabbath singer Ozzy Osbourne – will DJ at the launch event, taking place at the Gillingham campus on Friday, August 28.

Other acts on the bill include award-winning rapper Chipmunk and Medway-based bands and DJs.

Aside from the music, visitors will be invited to tour the £86 million campus and take part in a range of workshops, including graffiti and street dance.

MidKent College spokesman Heather Collingwood said: "The event will feature some of the best bands and DJs Medway and Maidstone have to offer – with a top-quality line-up already confirmed."

"We're also providing the opportunity to see big-name artists, including a live performance from multi-award-winning rapper, Chipmunk, and a celebrity DJ set from all-round party girl Kelly Osbourne."

The launch event runs from 2pm to 7pm.



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# Bus terminal spells end for The Paddock

## EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

PLANNING chiefs are expected to rubber-stamp controversial plans to build a bus terminal in Chatham town centre tonight.

The proposal will see more than a dozen blossoming horse chestnut trees in The Paddock chopped down and the popular green space concreted over.

Outraged residents, shoppers and traders gave the proposal a vote of no confidence during a period of public consultation last year, but council bosses decided to push forward with their plans.

And if the Development Control Committee grants the scheme planning permission at its meeting tonight – as is expected – the leafy trees will soon be uprooted.

The situation has been slammed by a number of pressure groups and organisations, which have written to the council to voice their objections.

The Frindsbury and Wainscott Community Association listed four criticisms. The association described the destruction of 22 mature trees as “deplorable” and the design and layout as “generally impractical”.

A spokesman said: “We regret wholeheartedly the ignoring of public opinion in this matter.”

The Open Spaces Society added: “This central Chatham gem is the only notable green space which gives relief from the dense urban complex of bricks and mortar and glass. The site is special for the public passing through, who are sheltered from the sun by the trees which are of size to feature as monuments in themselves.”

The proposed bus station site runs between The Brook and Military



**PAVED OVER:** The Paddock will be no more

Road, reaching from Globe Lane car park to The Paddock.

The planning document reads: “The application seeks consent for the construction of a dynamic bus station and new public space together with associated highways, drainage and landscaping works.”

“The proposed dynamic bus facility is intended to replace the existing severely substandard Pentagon bus station and forms part of a wider programme of regeneration proposals for Chatham town centre.”

The bus terminal plan comprises of six platforms with a total of 16 bus stands. Long shelters – arranged in three rows – will have entrances at each end. Doors to the buses will be controlled automatically when the bus arrives.

Areas of public space are proposed for the area in front of The Pentagon Shopping Centre and adjacent to The Brook Theatre.

Informal seating is proposed on the raised walls on the remaining part of The Paddock.

## Teens charged after attack on dad and son

ELEVEN teenagers have been charged with violent disorder after an alleged attack on a 50-year-old man and his son.

The 11 boys – aged 15 to 18 – were charged following a police investigation into the incident which took place at Church Green, Strood, in February.

Police have not revealed their names for legal reasons.

Ajay Sampla, 18, of Gordon Road, Strood, was also charged with violent disorder.

The boys have been released on bail until August 25, when they will next appear at Medway Youth Court.

## Bank Holiday fun on offer at the Dockyard

SMUGGLERS will share their secrets with visitors at Chatham Historic Dockyard during the Bank Holiday weekend.

The fun takes place on August 30-31, with a range of activities on offer.

Children can take part in a number of creative workshops, search for smuggled good in a lucky dip and tread the ‘spot the smuggler’ trail.

There will also be a variety of children's games on board HMS Gannet, colouring activities, a brass rubbing trail and the family Ropery tour.

For more information visit [www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk).

## Police called in as fans clash during Gills win

FOOTBALL hooligans clashed in Medway on Saturday, marring the Gills' emphatic 5-0 thumping of bitter rivals Swindon Town.

Dozens of supporters went head-to-head near The Southern Belle pub in Gillingham High Street before the match, forcing police to intervene.

Officers were soon called into action again, this time inside the KRBS Priestfield Stadium. A small pocket of Swindon fans hit out at the club's stewards, sparking a mass melee.

A total of three arrests were made.

Supt Peter Wedlake said: “Arrests were made for public order offences.”

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# Powerboat racer dies after regatta collision

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A WATERSPORTS enthusiast was killed in a horrific powerboat crash during Dover's 11th annual regatta.

Alex Edmonds, 41, from Lower Stoke, suffered serious head injuries after two of the speeding vessels collided on Saturday afternoon.

Despite the best efforts of the emergency services, the Allhallows Yacht Club member died at the scene.

Reports from witnesses suggest one of the boats – which were travelling at around 60mph – hit a wave causing it to jump and skim across another boat and striking one of the passengers.

Witnesses said Mr Edmonds was brought to shore in the boat and a tent was put up over it so as not to distress the crowds.

Emergency services, including Kent Fire and Rescue Service, were on the scene within minutes and a Kent Air Ambulance was scrambled, although it was not used.

Tory parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal Charlie Elphicke said he spoke to one of the men who helped pull the speedboat to shore.

"It is absolutely shocking," he said.

"The man I spoke to said the passenger was in a very bad state and wasn't moving or making any noise when they towed him in, but the emergency services were fantastic and tried their best to help him.

"It is such a tragedy. My heart goes out to the family. It was such a lovely day, people were



**TRAGEDY:** The Kent Air Ambulance was called but efforts to save Alex Edmond's life were unsuccessful

smiling and having fun and then this awful tragedy happened."

Bill Fawcus, chairman of the Dover Seaports Development Trust which helps organise the regatta, said the powerboat racing was immediately stopped, but the victim's parents asked for the other events to continue.

"His family said Alex would have wanted the regatta to carry on so we went ahead with it except for powerboat racing," he said.

"This was a very sad and tragic accident and our hearts go out to his family and friends and also to his colleagues and competitors who were deeply shocked and saddened by what happened."

Paul Boland, from Dover, was on the seafront when disaster struck.

He said: "I was strolling along taking pictures when I bumped into a couple of people saying something awful had happened.

"I turned around and saw in the corner of the jetty a boat had been brought in and there was big tent over it.

"The emergency services were working hard to try and help the man, but we heard he died at the scene.

"Everyone was in shock and it felt very deflated down on the seafront."

The two-day regatta continued, but an investigation is currently underway by the Marine Accident Investigation Board.

## Ten year prison term for brutal hammer attack

A HAMMER-wielding thug who rained down blows on the head of a sleeping man has been jailed for ten years.

James Alexander Brown, of Portland Road, Gillingham, attacked victim Peter Bangay with the tool in April of last year.

The 37-year-old was sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court today after pleading guilty to grievous bodily harm with intent.

The court heard how Brown attacked his 41-year-old victim after attending a house party in Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham, on April 12 last year.

South African-born Mr Bangay, 41, from Gillingham, was asleep in his car outside the property. He was left with serious head injuries and slipped into a coma and is still being treated at the specialist Cambridge hospital.

### Coma

After sentencing Detective Sergeant Andy Henshaw said: "This was a violent attack on a man who had no chance of defending himself and has still not recovered from the injuries he received.

"Mr Bangay remains in hospital and requires around the clock medical care.

"He was in a coma until June 8, but can only move his left arm and still has trouble speaking. He is dependent on nursing staff and his life will never be the same again.

"We are really pleased with the length of sentence and that a dangerous offender has been removed from Medway for what was a rare but very serious assault."

Joanne Shearer, 32, was also sentenced at Maidstone Crown Court. She pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice.

Shearer admitted to taking clothing from the crime scene and washing them in an attempt to destroy evidence. She was sentenced to eight months in prison.

## Responses are well below the national average

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won't say sorry – that is the most damning aspect of this report.

"We've been promised improvements before, but I'd advise people not to hold their breath."

Lib Dem spokesman Andy Stamp added: "Not only have the council's own procedures come under criticism, but the official responses to the ombudsman are so poor they fall well below the national average for unitary councils.

"Yet again the Tory-run Council has taken its eye off the ball and forgotten that the council's primary purpose is to serve the public.

"We get a lot of feedback on the doorstep about the way the council ignores residents' complaints, but it still comes as a bit of a shock to find out officially just how bad things are."

Lib Dem group leader, Maureen Ruparel, said: "Trying to get housing complaints dealt with can take months before problems are resolved and the attitude towards the public leaves a lot to be desired."

No-one from Medway's Conservative group was available for comment.

Of the complaints dealt with by the ombudsman, 22 were education-related, 11 were based on planning issues, eight were in both highways and housing and four were linked to adults care services.

## Mayor to fulfil diary despite passing of beloved wife Joan

THE Mayor of Medway's wife Jean Royle has died following a long battle with progressive Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

The mother-of-one, who was married to councillor David Royle for 35 years, passed away last Thursday.

A statement released by Medway Council read: "It is with deep sadness that we report the death of Jean Royle.

"Cllr Royle and his wife had been married for 35 years. Their daughter, Karen Woolhouse, is currently one of the Mayor's two escorts and is the official Mayoress.

"Cllr Royle has two granddaughters; Leona who is working in Majorca, and Ingrid who works in Harlow.

"During their years of marriage, Mr and Mrs Royle both enjoyed travelling and continued to do so until about 12 years ago before she became too poorly with progressive Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's.

"They were both keen on gardening.

"Colleagues in the council and relatives and friends have been sending messages of sincere condolences to Cllr Royle and his family at this sad time."



**SORELY MISSED:** Jean Royle

The mayor will continue to fulfil his mayoral diary commitments.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, September 2, at Medway Crematorium, Blue Bell Hill, starting at 1.20pm.

Those attending are asked to wear light-coloured clothes.

Family flowers only. All other attendees are asked to give donations to the Alzheimer's Society.

For more information contact the John Weir funeral directors.

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MORE than 700 Medway potato couches were caught watching TV without a licence during the first six months of this year.

TV Licensing statistics reveal 258 Chatham residents were fined, along with 235 in Gillingham and 207 in Rochester.

Spokesman Joanna Pearce said: "These figures show our continued effectiveness in catching people who watch TV illegally."

More than 214,000 people were caught across the UK, up 5,000 on the 2008.

## Inquest is adjourned into crash that killed driver

A MOTORIST who died after crashing his car near Faversham last week has been named as Mark Phillips.

The 37-year-old, from Sittingbourne, came off the road at White Hill, Selling, at 3am on August 2. It is thought Mr Phillips lost control of his vehicle at a bend in the road.

An inquest into Mr Phillips' death was opened and adjourned at Ashford Magistrates Court. Anyone with information is asked to contact 01622 798538.

## Here's looking at Central Theatre's Screen Classics

THE Screen Classics club kicks-off its latest programme of timeless films with Casablanca.

The film, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, will be shown at The Central Theatre on September 8, at 7.30pm.

A spokesman said: "Since the theatre began Screen Classics many have discovered the films that shaped today's cinema."

Tickets are priced at £5 and £3.50 for students. Call the box office on 01634 338338.

## Youngsters in shipshape condition at training days

SEA cadets from across Kent came together for a two-day training session on board HMS Cavalier, based at Chatham Historic Dockyard.

Youngsters from the Medway, Sheppey, Tunbridge Well and Gravesend units spent time on the World War Two destroyer and also learned about the customs and traditions of the Royal Navy.

The 10 to 12-year-olds were also visited by neighbourhood officer from Medway police.

# Miliband feels heat from MP on Kingsnorth

VETERAN MP Bob Marshall-Andrews will take anti-coal campaigners' concerns to the very top when he hands a petition to Climate Minister Ed Miliband.

The Labour MP, who represents Rochester and Strood, was due to present the petition to Mr Miliband this morning, however the hand-over has now been postponed.

At the time of going to press a new date was yet to be fixed.

The petition has been signed by more than 1,600 residents, all of whom oppose E.ON's plans to build two new coal-fired units at the Kingsnorth power plant.

Mr Marshall-Andrews QC said he was against the proposals.

"Not only would dirty new Kingsnorth coal make it virtually impossible for the UK to reach its carbon emissions reductions targets, it would leave us in a very weak position when it comes to influencing the hugely important climate change talks at Copenhagen in December," he said.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

"I am pleased that so many local residents feel so strongly about this issue which, although of global importance, involves a decision that is taking place on our very doorstep. It is right that so many people are speaking out about this crucial issue.

"The UK needs to be investing for the long run, and that means creating low carbon sustainable jobs and not pushing ahead with dirty and polluting unabated coal power."

The petition was started by the Kingsnorth Climate Action Medway pressure group.

### Pressure

KCAM member Justin Geiss said: "I'm really appalled by the idea that we might end up with a huge new polluting Kingsnorth coal power station.

"E.ON's claims that a new power station will be cleaner are misleading, as they encourage people to underestimate the scale of the issue. A new plant would emit enormous amounts of climate changing carbon emissions – more



VOICING HIS CONCERNS: MP Bob Marshall-Andrews

than six million tonnes per year.

"That's the same as the whole country of Tanzania emits in a year.

"E.ON talk about carbon capture and storage technology (CCS) as if it held the answer to the problem of carbon emissions, but this technology has not proven itself to be viable on a large scale.

"Promises of CCS technology being available in the future should not be used as an excuse for building a new polluting coal plant now.

"What we need is investment in truly clean forms of energy such as wind, wave and solar."

The petition hand over comes as part of the national 'Big If' campaign. Throughout the next three months pressure groups across the country are set to contact Mr Miliband to inform him of the action they will take if he gives E.ON's Kingsnorth plans the go ahead.

For more visit [www.thebigif.org](http://www.thebigif.org)



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

## Teens asked to get on board

THE SOS Bus has been motoring into the more rural parts of Medway to offer teenagers a wide range of health advice.

Workers from NHS Medway, Medway Council's public health team and the Stop Smoking Service have already visited Hoo, Grain, Allhallows and Cliffe Woods since the bus hit the road last month.

Medway's teenage pregnancy strategic co-ordinator Jinny Robinson said: "The aim of this scheme is to provide services to young people who cannot get to other parts of Medway as well as signposting them to local services that can provide information, advice and support."

Medway's area youth manager for Strood and Hoo Roy Smith added: "The feedback from the young people and the adults has been really positive.

"If this pilot is a success we will work in partnership to look at the best ways of continuing to provide this service."

The SOS bus is operated by charity organisation Medway CVS supported by Medway Community Safety Partnership whose members include NHS Medway, Medway Council, Kent Police in Medway and Kent Fire and Rescue Service and Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT).



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**WORRY:** Marion and John Lambert have urged their son Richard (right) to contact them after driving off in June

# Parents' appeal for missing son to get in touch

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE concerned parents of a man who has been missing for nearly two months have made an emotional plea for him to make contact.

John and Marion Lambert urged 20-year-old Richard McGregor Lambert – their eldest son – to pick up the phone and let them know he is safe and well.

The moving appeal was made at a press conference at Medway police station last Wednesday – seven weeks after Richard was last seen.

When asked if he had a message for his son, who has turned 20 since he disappeared, dad John said: "Just let us know you're okay. "You don't have to do anything else. If you want to come home there's still a roof over your head for you. If you have chosen another lifestyle that's fine by us, but just let us know. "The not knowing is the worst bit. I'd just like to know he's okay."

## Switched off

Richard was last seen in the early hours of Saturday, June 13, in Maidstone.

He had been enjoying a night out with his girlfriend and friends and had planned to spend the night at a friend's house nearby.

After having a disagreement with his girlfriend Richard drove his car – a distinctive Ford Fiesta ST 500 – to services near the M1.

He then drove back to his home in Fowey Close, Chatham, at around 5.45am, but left soon afterwards. The car has not been found.

Richard used his mobile phone at 6.10am, but it has been switched off since.

He has not used a debit card and his passport is still at home.

Detective Inspector Ann Lisseman said: "Nothing that we have established suggests Richard has taken his own life or otherwise so we are treating him as missing.

"We need him to get in contact. His parents are traumatised. He can contact the missing person helpline, his parents or even myself. We just need to know he is safe and well."

Richard is described as white, 5ft 9in, has a stocky build, with short light brown hair and blue eyes. He was last seen wearing a



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See John and Marion Lambert's appeal to missing son Richard

'McKenzie' T-shirt. His car's registration is EY09 YST.

Anyone with information on Richards's whereabouts or anyone who has seen him or his car is asked to call Kent Police on 01634 792517 or email on amet.medway@kent.pnn.police.uk.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Bridge fall woman saved

A WOMAN is lucky to be alive after plummeting off the M2 motorway bridge into the mudflats below.

The 26-year-old, from Northfleet, fell from the bridge on the evening of August 3. The impact left her buried up to her neck in the mud. She would have drowned had it not been for the brave actions of police officer Andre Smuts and part-time off duty coastguards.

The men scrambled across the mud and managed to keep the woman's head above water until the coastguard were able to arrive and pull her to safety.

Acting Superintendent Mick Judge paid tribute to the men, saying: "The actions of these individuals was very courageous. We are sure that without their quick thinking and brave conduct this woman would have died.

The woman has not been named.

Kent police are not treating the incident as suspicious.

## Roadworks to cause delay

MOTORISTS are being warned to expect delays along a busy Rochester road while repairs are carried out.

A stretch of The Esplanade has been reduced to one lane to allow contractors to reinforce a weakening river wall.

A Medway Council spokesman said the new wall will be built in front of the existing one, allowing the path to be widened to create better access for walkers.

Front line services boss Phil Filmer said: "These works will address the problem well before it becomes a serious hazard."

## Centre offers fun month

YOUNGSTERS can have their faces painted for free during a month of fun-time Fridays at Rainham Shopping Centre.

The fun-packed sessions run from 10.30am to 2pm every Friday this month. Activities also include displays from the Dancing Feet troupe and a visit from the mobile children's library tomorrow and August 14.

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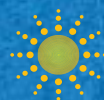
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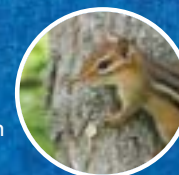
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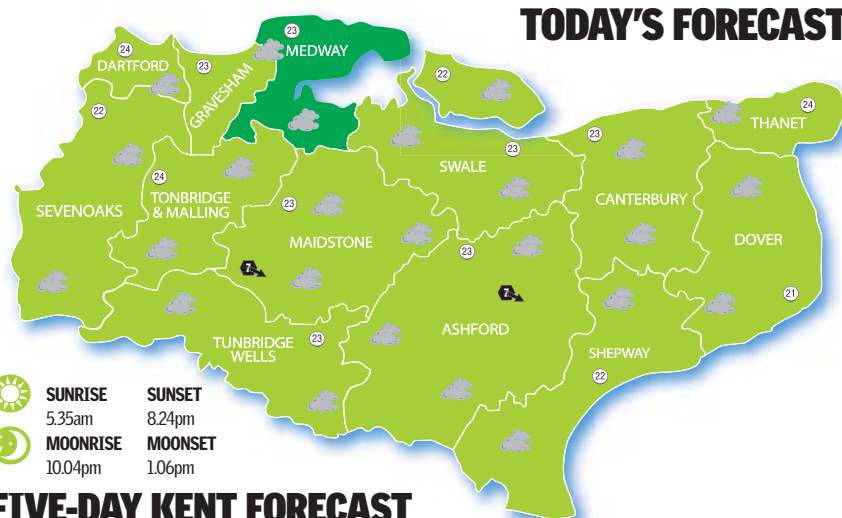




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	Sunday	7:21am	5.4m
Dungeness	Saturday	6:24pm	6.3m
	Sunday	7:19am	6.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	6:21am	4.2m
	Sunday	7:51am	4.1m
Sheerness	Saturday	7:24am	4.9m
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The Cliffe Woods charity's fundraising co-ordinator, Karen Dockwray, said: "We set off to climb Ben Nevis at 6.30am and from the outset realised the challenge was going to be a lot tougher than expected."

"After finally climbing Snowdon – around 30 hours after starting Ben Nevis – we'd done it. "Everyone was totally exhausted but most said they can't wait to do it again next year."

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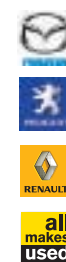
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### ROYSTON ROBERTSON



**Q** How did you get into drawing cartoons?

**A** Like most cartoonists, it's something I've done since I was a child. Cartooning has always been there. About 12 years ago I started sending gag cartoons to magazines on an on-spec basis and managed to get published fairly regularly. Then I set up a portfolio website and an online blog and began getting commissioned work. Five years ago I gave up the day job and became a full-time freelancer.

**Q** Where do you get your inspiration?

**A** This is almost the dreaded 'Where do you get your ideas from?' question. To which I usually reply 'Belgium'. But I'll try to give a sensible answer. The inspiration is all around us. It's in things people say and do, items on the TV or papers, new buzz-words and so on.

**Q** Where are your cartoons featured?

**A** They can be seen in magazines here and abroad in publications such as Private Eye, Reader's Digest and The Spectator. I've worked for BBC Magazines, Oxford University Press, Channel 4 News and the Green Party, among others. The most unusual commission I've ever had was the request to come up with six cartoons on the subject of "anaerobic digestion". That's the process of turning waste into biofuels. A tricky one, but I managed it.

**Q** Tell us a little bit about your background

**A** I'm from Catterick in North Yorkshire. I'm 41 and now live in Broadstairs with my wife and two young children. We moved to the area from London five years ago. I was a journalist there for 10 years. It was a great job, but I was selling cartoons in my spare time and knew I really wanted to do that as a career. Not the most sensible of moves financially because freelancing is always precarious, but cartooning scores high in job satisfaction.

**Q** What keeps you in Thanet, when London must be a more convenient location?

**A** Not really, you can work anywhere as a cartoonist because commissions come via the internet and cartoons can be delivered by email. A lot of cartoon-related events take place in London, though, so I'd be lying if I said living in Broadstairs is never an inconvenience, especially when you get the midnight train home and hear those three words that send terror through your soul: 'replacement bus service'. But being at the beach-hut with an ice-cream from Morelli's makes up for it.

**Q** Who are your heroes?

**A** I'm not sure I have heroes as such. There's always a risk that they'll let you down. I am, however, a fan of the mini chocolate bars of the same name.

**Q** Where do you see yourself in five years?

**A** Hopefully selling more cartoons and not worrying about working in a recession. A regular slot in a high-profile newspaper is the dream. I'll also be on the telly later this year as part of a team from the Professional Cartoonists' Organisation who will be challenging the quiz experts on BBC2's Eggheads.

• To see Royston's work, you can visit [roystonrobertson.co.uk](http://roystonrobertson.co.uk) or read his blog at [roystonrobertson.blogspot.com](http://roystonrobertson.blogspot.com)



Q & A

Royston Robertson, a professional cartoonist living in Broadstairs, talks to **Tom Betts** about his love of chocolate and ice-cream, his dislike of public transport and his experience of anaerobic digestion...

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# She's got the galaxy at her feet

## Kent pageant winner Catriona explains why brains come before beauty



**POSITIVE:** Catriona wants to encourage others to follow their dreams

MISS Kent Galaxy winner Catriona Robson has made it her mission to dispel the negative stereotypes associated with beauty pageants.

The 21-year-old from Ashford is currently studying for a bachelor's degree in international relations through the Open University, and told Kent on Sunday that she thought such competitions help empower women.

She said: "Having met a lot of beauty contestants I think people would be surprised to find that most of them either have degrees or are halfway through their university courses, and are often incredible businesswomen with amazing leadership skills."

"The women in these competitions want to show themselves as leaders and have to show a great deal of determination and self-discipline to get into the finals. Quite often they represent incredibly worthwhile causes and charities, and devote their lives to helping others."

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

"I did not have any misgivings on entering this pageant and judge it as an incredible once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I should make the most of, and I encourage others to do the same."

### Florida

Crowned Miss Kent Galaxy at a ceremony late last month, former Highworth Grammar School pupil Catriona will now compete for the title of Miss UK Galaxy next March.

Should she be victorious again, she will go on to the Miss Galaxy International event to be staged in Miami, Florida.

As well as challenging the myth that beauty comes before brains at such competitions, Catriona said she also wanted to prove that participants did not need to be a certain body-shape to stand a chance of winning.

She said: "I am not the generic size-zero model and I am determined to represent the

curvaceous and intelligent women of this country and prove that beauty should be judged not only on your looks but by your personality, your intelligence and your actions in life."

"For as long as I can remember I have had so much drive and so many ambitions that it is sometimes hard to imagine being able to fulfil them all in a lifetime. However, I have an incredibly positive attitude and approach each day as a gift."

"This attitude allows me to make the most of all the opportunities out there and to live my life to the full along with helping others to do so also."

"I really feel I can make a difference with my title as Miss Kent Galaxy and encourage other aspiring individuals to be confident and follow their dreams."

Part of Catriona's role as Miss Kent Galaxy is to make appearances at all types of events throughout the county.

Email [misskentgalaxy2010@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:misskentgalaxy2010@yahoo.co.uk) to book her.

## Click on to celebrity chef recipes with a local flavour

CELEBRITY chef Richard Phillips has launched a new internet television show to demonstrate how Kent's finest produce can be best utilised.

The six-part Made in Great Britain series offers hints and tips to aspiring cooks and is available to download for free at [www.pod3.tv](http://www.pod3.tv).

Phillips, who stars in the current ITV1 series Daily Cooks Challenge, told Kent on Sunday that internet television was the way forward.

He said: "It's TV at any time that you can watch wherever and whenever

you want to, and that lends itself very well to cookery shows."

"People can pause and rewind as they follow along to the recipes on their laptops."

"I still have one more episode to film but I'm very pleased with how the series has turned out so far."

Among the locations filmed for Made in Great Britain were a potato farm in Tenterden, near Ashford, and a flour mill in Canterbury.

Phillips, a keen supporter of KOS Media's Food for Kent campaign, also

spent time picking Kentish apples and mushrooms while also travelling further afield to Rye, East Sussex, where boats sailed in with fresh supplies of scallops.

He said: "I think it's important to support the local economy and local farmers because we all need to stick together, especially during these tough times."

"Using local produce seems to be something that's in fashion, but I've been doing it at my restaurants for the last nine years so it's nothing new to me."

"Having said that, I won't go local just for the sake of it. The produce still needs to be of a high quality because if it isn't then I have no problem looking elsewhere."

Phillips currently owns three restaurants in Kent - Thackeray's in Tunbridge Wells, Hengist in Aylesford and Richard Phillips at Chapel Down, Tenterden.

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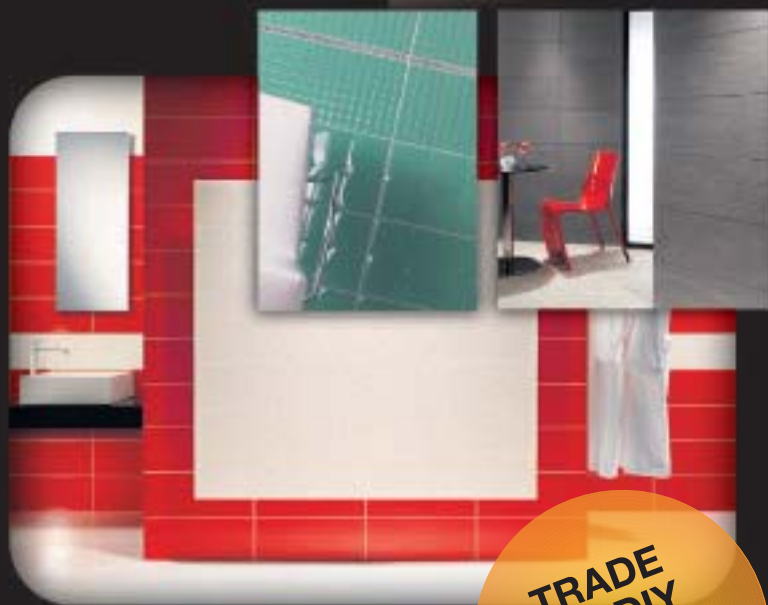
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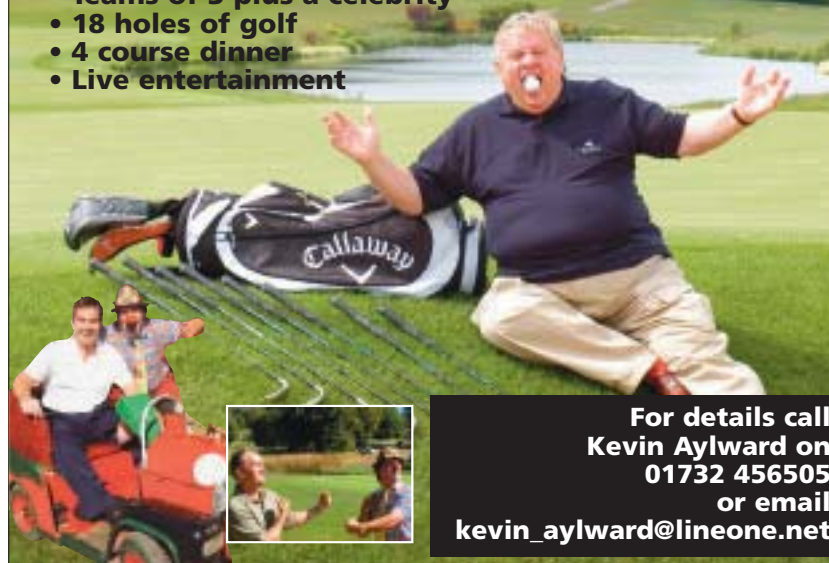
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# 'We'll keep wonder carp safe from nuts'

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

AS Britain's fishermen mourn the death of Benson the common carp, the country's biggest carp of all is thriving in a Kent lake.

Weighing in at a hefty 67lb 14oz, Two Tone, as the mirror carp is known, continues to grow at Conningbrook Lake in Willesborough.

The world of angling has gone into shock after it emerged that Benson – who at 64lb 2oz was the country's largest common carp – was possibly killed by the use of nuts as bait, which is as good as a lethal poison to carp.

There is no such danger that Two Tone will meet a similar fate, said Chris Logsdon, the fisheries manager for Mid Kent Fisheries.

He said: "Just 75 people a year are allowed to fish the Ashford lake Two Tone is in, and they have been monitored for about a year to ensure they are proper anglers before we allow them on there."

He said only those who are fanatical about the sport were allowed near the lake, and several of them had still not managed to hook Two Tone, despite years of trying.

Chris, who runs 29 lakes in the South



**CATCH OF THE DAY:** Two Tone the fish is well protected after the shock death of Benson, another large carp

East, said: "Some of them are spending thousands of pounds on their equipment in the hope of getting the big one."

"But there's about 30 acres of water and just 30 fish in there, so catching Two Tone is tough."

"He has been hooked a few times, but he is good at not being caught, which just ramps up the challenge."

"There is a lot of competition among them to catch the biggest and best fish, and so some of the fish become well known."

"One guy has been trying to catch Two Tone for 15 years."

Benson died in what is called a day-ticket fishery, which means that anyone is allowed to take a chance at catching him.

Chris said: "We don't run things like that here. There are very strict controls and we don't let just anyone fish here."

"They need to be proper anglers who know what they are doing."

"It preserves the environment and it keeps the fish in good condition. That is just the way I run things. The fish need to be protected."

"I am a chartered environmentalist and have been doing this for 30 years, and that's why we have a good name around the country."

"The cost of a 30lb carp is around £3,500, so this is big business."

"If you don't have a fish of 30lb, no one is interested in fishing that lake. They only put on about two pounds a year. To have Two Tone, who is about 30 years old, is a bit of a freak of nature."

## Stay healthy and safe this summer

HEALTH bosses have launched a campaign to help people have fun and stay healthy during this summer.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent said that after last summer more than 2,500 sexually transmitted infections (STIs) were diagnosed in the area.

In a bid to ensure travellers don't bring back an unwanted souvenir from their summer holidays, top tips include buying a pack of condoms in addition to your normal contraception and keeping them away from oil-based products such as sun lotion, baby oil and lipstick.

As well as advice about protecting yourself from STIs, the campaign also focuses on staying safe in the sun.

The PCT said skin cancer was one of the most common cancers in the UK and some 1,700 people were being treated for malignant melanoma and other skin cancers in east Kent.

Advice is to use sunblocks or sunscreens of at least factor 15, ensure children are protected with factor 30 and babies with 50-plus.

By using the NHS Choices website when dealing with health issues such as sunburn and wasp stings ([www.nhs.co.uk](http://www.nhs.co.uk)), or by calling NHS Direct on 0845 46 47 you can receive the health advice you need 24 hours a day, Ms Andrews said.

The full 50 summer health tips can be found at [www.easternandcoastalkent.nhs.uk](http://www.easternandcoastalkent.nhs.uk). For further advice, you can go to [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or call NHS direct on 0845 4647.



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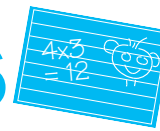
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## Library's cash boost gets more pupils reading

MEDWAY'S mobile library now boasts a brand-new stock of best-sellers thanks to a £50,000 cash injection.

The new books were bought as part of a £280,000 investment across Medway Library Service.

Medway Council's community safety boss, Howard Doe, said he was pleased they were able to improve the towns' library facilities ahead of the new academic year next month.

He said: "Around £50,000 will be spent on books for children and young people and for adult readers top-selling authors and titles will soon be on the shelves.

"Readers can reserve these for free either on a visit to a library or through the website.

"This summer I would encourage everyone to visit their local library and discover how much they've changed and what they can now offer."

The children's mobile library stopped at St Mary's Island School, Chatham, in the last few days before the summer holidays began.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

Deputy headteacher Lucille Luton said the library was a precious resource.

She said: "The pupils all enjoyed using the library van. Not only does it provide a much wider and more up-to-date selection of books than we can at school but the children love the excitement of climbing up on to it. To them it is like entering Aladdin's Cave.

"Many of our children who did not previously read for pleasure or use the library have found the van has prompted them to start a reading habit that will, hopefully, stay with them for life.

"Using the library van has been part of our target to keep driving up the standards of reading in our school. Being a fluent reader is the key to learning. We are very pleased with the standards achieved by pupils this year and hope to keep this up in the future."

Find your local library and also details of the summer reading challenge at [www.medway.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.medway.gov.uk/libraries).



A GOOD READ: Cllr Howard Doe and pupils from St Mary's Island Primary School visit the rejuvenated mobile library

### BREAK TIME



HIGH ACHIEVERS: Pupils from the Medway Children's University receive their certificates and medals

### Students graduate from 'uni' scheme

MORE than 20 budding brainiacs have graduated from Medway Children's University.

The talented students completed a range of testing modules ranging from archaeology and forensic science to drama and gymnastics.

At a graduation ceremony held at the University of Kent's Medway campus, each of the 23 youngsters was presented with a MCU certificate and a medal.

Medway Council's children's services boss Les Wicks said: "This is a wonderful scheme that sees our children given

the opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends.

"Some of the graduates have been attending MCU since November 2007 and have completed six modules without missing a session and many are following in the footsteps of older siblings.

"Between them they have real ambition for the future."

Professor Clare Mackie added: "The children we saw clearly had a great desire and determination to test themselves and see what they could achieve.

"They have now taken the first step towards the type of fulfilling careers that a university education can deliver."

The children have high hopes for the future, with their dream jobs including paediatrician, archaeologist, vet, nurse, palaeontologist and teacher.



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## High time football overload was finally kicked into touch

THE Gills have already had their first game of the season and so have Chelsea and Manchester United.

Now the whole Premier League bandwagon is set to steamroller over everything for what seems like an eternity.

And following that is a World Cup next summer which will ensure that no other sport gets a mention in the newspapers or on television.

We haven't even finished the Ashes yet and already the new season is upon us.

The Met Office is forecasting a good end to the summer, so the long-awaited barbecue season might finally be arriving.

But because of the football nothing else will matter for the next ten months or so.

Am I the only one to get fed up that it dominates everything so much?

It's just that we really do see too much of it and a lot of it is not very good, no matter what the presenters who hype it up on the box may say.

Sky is the worst, with must-see games often including the likes of Fulham versus Wigan and Bolton against Blackburn.

Setanta showed there was too much football on show. It went to the wall by offering mediocre games of interest only to the supporters of the clubs concerned.

When a game has got as big as football has, it is impossible to enjoy it fully... unless you are someone who believes that football is the only thing in life that matters and can't bear to wait out the summer.

It seems the game becomes more and more powerful every year and that is something that not even the most rabid fan wants.

To turn the clock back to happier days, it used to be such a joy when the season came around.

The FA Cup Final at Wembley would be quite a distant memory and even though transfers were nothing like as involved and high-profile as they are now, there would always be a new face or two to make things interesting.

A short pre-season and a few low-key games against lower-division opponents – no World Football Series, Peace Cup or Asia Premiership Challenge – then it was off.

And it was exciting because it had a bit of a novelty factor.

The games were starting in the autumn, we knew winter would sort out a few key issues and then would come the run-in through spring as the FA Cup gained momentum. It all had a pleasing pattern and symmetry to it.

You enjoyed it because it had to be sought out – live games were few and far between on TV, so if you wanted the atmosphere then you had to go.

Matches started at the end of August and finished in May – that was enough for everyone.

Now it is too much for anyone.

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Although slightly shorter than last year's mammoth battle

between Federer and Rafael Nadal, this year's match took on similarly epic proportions.

For much of the game, it seemed that Roddick would emulate Nadal's feat as he hammered away at his opponent. Federer wavered a few times, but never toppled and in the end won on merit.

As the match went on, the records began to tumble; the most games ever played in a men's singles Wimbledon final, beating last year's 62 and the most games in a set of a men's final at the All England club.

Also, Federer's ace count passed the 50 mark and then, finally, it was Roddick who cracked in the 30th game of the set.

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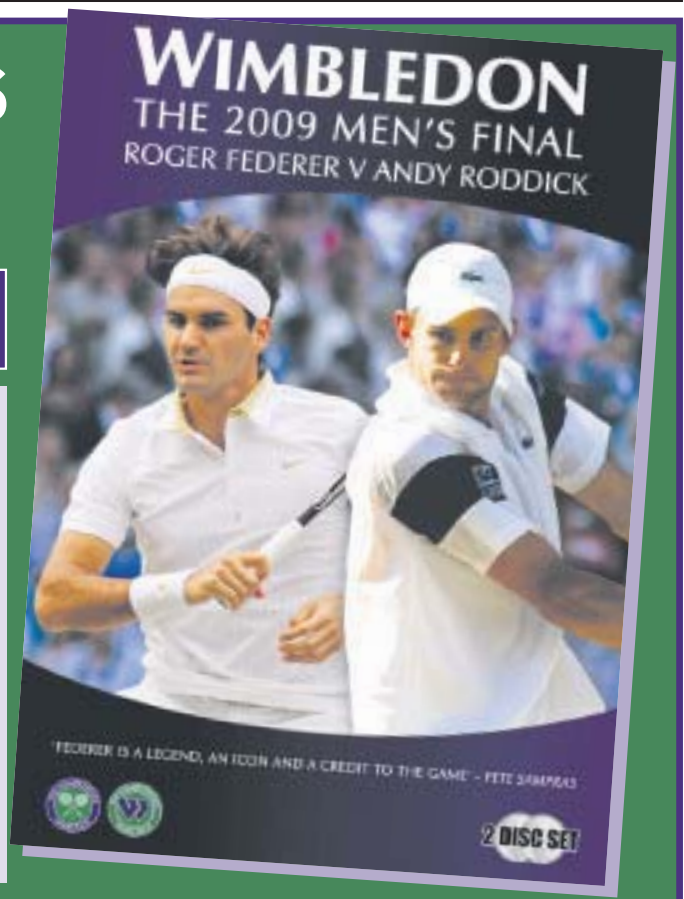
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## TALK TIME

### GARY ALLANACH

The Liberal Democrat candidate for the Luton and Wayfield by-election talks about why residents should vote for him.



#### Tell us a little about yourself.

I am 33 and have lived in Medway for several years. I grew up near Otley in Yorkshire (many know it as Hotten in Emmerdale). At university in Durham I studied languages followed by law as a postgraduate in Manchester and London. I have worked as a teacher in Moscow, in music law in Hamburg for a major record label, and in sports events insurance. I now work for an International Investment Bank in London in a legal compliance role.

#### What made you want to stand in the by-election?

Like everyone in Medway, I was shocked and disgusted by the expenses scandal. I am dismayed by New Labour and their chronic mismanagement of the economy. They have squandered the chances of a generation and should never be forgiven for that. The Conservatives on Medway Council and nationally are full of empty promises and lacking vision. The Liberal Democrats occupy the centre ground. We represent the common values we all share. We represent all citizens, no matter what their background. The Liberal Democrats have a strong record in local government and a strong ethos of public service and equality for all. They represent my values and that is why I am very proud to stand as a Liberal Democrat candidate.

#### What assurances can you give to ward residents?

I will fight for the best interests of the ward. On www.garyallanach.com I have listed my promises should I be elected. I shall be honest with residents and with taxpayers' money. I shall listen to their concerns and communicate them to council. I want to try and improve local conditions for all of us, now and for the future.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Michelle loses brave 18-year cancer battle



### Charities still need to be supported

The story you ran last week about Michelle Barrett and her battle with cancer has moved me to write to you to remind people that the charities which support the fight against this disease are some of the most worthwhile in the country.

I know times have become hard, but it is still up to people to do their bit to support those who raise funds for medical research. They are feeling the pinch too as many businesses who support worthwhile causes link their giving to profits. When these are down so are donations. So stories such as the one you carried last week are a good reminder of how much support is needed from people for good causes.

Ian Braithwaite  
By email

### Take a healthy interest in issues

Since being appointed as chairman of the health and adult social care overview and scrutiny



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committee, it has been our endeavour to raise the profile of health in Medway.

To this end, it has been agreed to hold the next meeting at the Rainham Mark Social Club on Thursday, August 20, at 6pm.

This is a first for Medway and I do hope residents will come along to get involved. There will be a discussion on the possible impact of mobile phone masts on health with a presentation by regeneration director Robin Cooper.

We have invited NHS Medway to present its contingency plans around the winter period and how A&E in particular will cope with seasonal demand, especially in light of swine flu.

The South East Coast Ambulance Trust will be talking about its application for foundation trust status. The presentation is part of the Trust's 12-week public consultation, which runs until Friday, October 16.

By holding the meetings in the community I am hoping we will generate a lively debate about health issues in Medway.

Cllr Mike O'Brien  
By email

### BBC dropped Geoff to save money

I write with regards to Geoff Clark's demise from BBC news.

I don't blame BBC South East one bit – they must save a fortune alone on Geoff's suits.

John Dooley,  
Chatham, by letter

### Ban violent people not pint glasses

News that more plastic cups are to be issued by pubs worried about the rise in attacks using glass objects is yet another blow for the vast majority of people.

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Terry Hawkins, By email

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## Help us defeat this horrible bloodsport

It's decision time for hare-coursing in Ireland. This is the month when, traditionally, the Minister for the Environment decides whether or not to allow another season of this legalised cruelty.

His decision will relate specifically to the granting of a licence to the country's coursing clubs allowing them to capture hares for use as live bait in coursing.

If, as in previous years, the Department of the Environment opts to authorise the hare-netting, coursing events will again be staged from the end of September.

At these, the hares will be forced to run from greyhounds in large wired enclosures, to escape through a narrow hatch... or be mauled, injured, killed, or tossed about like broken dolls – all for the purpose of fun and gambling.

Many of the targeted hares will never see coursing day.

They will die of injuries sustained while being netted or in the course of the unnatural captivity to which they are subjected.

If, however, the minister withholds the hare-netting licence, there can be no coursing. Without hares to course, the baiting events would have to be cancelled.

There are two factors that offer a glimmer of hope to the long-suffering hare. The first is the obvious fact that the Minister for

the Environment, John Gormley, is leader of a party pledged to banning hare-coursing.

The second factor is the Irish government's official acceptance that the Irish Hare is now an endangered species.

Hunting and coursing increase the mounting pressure on this gentle and inoffensive creature.

We appeal to anyone who shares our view of hare-coursing to email the Irish Minister for the Environment, Mr Gormley, asking him to ban this horrible bloodsport. Please send your messages to [minister@environ.ie](mailto:minister@environ.ie).

**John Fitzgerald**  
Campaign for the Abolition of Cruel Sports

## Will-power could help fight against cancer

Readers with new children or grandchildren might feel that now is a good time to make sure their finances are in order.

Making or updating your will is a big part of this, as it can be a reassuring way of planning a secure future for your new loved ones.

As well as providing for your family, it is also a chance to make a lasting contribution to charitable causes.

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**Chris Stevens**  
World Cancer Research Fund

## Join us in the war against meningitis

As a patron of Meningitis UK, I'm writing to mark its tenth anniversary.

The charity and its loyal supporters have raised a fantastic £4.7 million towards life-saving research into finding a vaccine for this devastating disease.

I got involved with the meningitis cause after my son Andrew, then 24, almost died after falling ill with the virus. Thankfully, he recovered fully.

We were lucky, but each year in the UK about 300 of the 3,000 people affected by meningitis die.

Meningitis UK's Search 4 a Vaccine Campaign aims to raise £7m to fund research to develop a vaccine against Meningitis B – the strain which causes almost 90 per cent of cases in the UK.

For further information, or to lend your support, please phone Meningitis UK on 0117 373 7373 or visit [www.meningitisuk.org](http://www.meningitisuk.org)

**Denis Law**, patron for Meningitis UK and former European Footballer of the Year

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Wednesday, August 19  
Viking Bay, Broadstairs



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Residents and visitors can look forward to a fantastic day with lots of family entertainment and attractions to enjoy.

Best of all, the event is free and the only charges are for the family fun-fair. This means that people can take their families for a great day out without breaking the bank.

The fun starts at 9.30pm with the teddy bears' picnic at Lillyputt Mini Golf, followed by King Neptune's dramatic rise from the sea at 10am.

Other attractions include a sandcastle competition, organised beach games, volleyball and Beach Connect Four.

This year's Best Dressed Beach Hut competition has a Viking theme to mark the 60th anniversary of the landing of the Hugin longship at Broadstairs.

There is even more excitement on



offer this year as two popular events from the past return to amuse the crowds. Spectators will witness a ferocious battle on the high seas as competitors face each other in the Millers and Sweeps Raft Race. Will the Millers win the day with their missiles comprising flour bags, or

will the Sweeps reign supreme with their flying bags of soot?

Anyone who would like to get involved in the raft race should phone the harbour master, Andy Wood, on 07847 473615.

The other reinstated event is the greasy-pole knockout, which will see people struggling to stay on the pole while battling an opponent.

There will be prizes on offer for both the adult and children's categories, but competitors are warned that they will get wet. If anyone thinks they are up to the challenge, they should speak to the lifeguards on the day to enter.

Swimmers are invited to take part in the sponsored swim from Ramsgate to Broadstairs. Find out how to take part by calling Neil Morgan on 07812 991445.

During the day, there will be entertainment on the bandstand, followed by a live band in the evening. Those who love to shop will have a ball browsing the craft and trade stalls and there will be refreshments on offer. This fun-packed day draws to a close at 10pm with a fireworks finale over Viking Bay.

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## KATY SETTERFIELD

Sunday, September 6  
Orchard Theatre, Dartford



SOME of the greatest divas in music will appear on one stage when Katy Setterfield visits Kent.

Since winning BBC1's The One and Only last year, Setterfield has delighted audiences with her uncanny impersonation of Dusty Springfield. Her prize for winning the talent show was a three-month contract in Las Vegas, performing in the Legends in Concert show at the Imperial Palace, and she has since been touring all over the country.

Her brand new show, Here Come The Girls, will stun audiences as she reveals the other amazing voices in her repertoire. Cher, Tina Turner, Annie Lennox and Bette Midler join Dusty on stage when Setterfield demonstrates her incredible gift for mimicry and performs some of their greatest hits.

Setterfield started as a Cher tribute artist in the 90s, but it was when she joined Trevor Payne's hugely successful show, That'll Be The Day, that she discovered her real vocal abilities. With some fantastic costumes and wigs, this show looks set to be the perfect showcase for Setterfield's remarkable talent.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £16.50. To book call 01322 220000 or see [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk).



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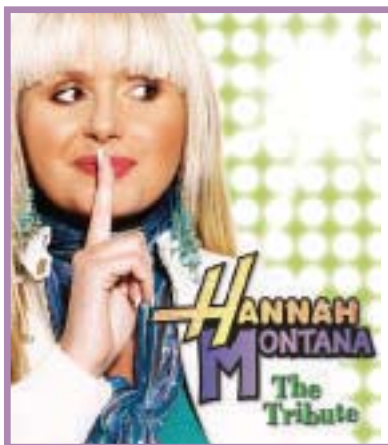
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The fun continues next week when the music of Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers and James Brown will be celebrated. The Dreamers will also be performing, along with The Great Pretender, a Brian May tribute duo and the return of Amy Connelly.

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Next week's show will feature a performance by Son of Kirk, an alternative folk four-piece that lists Neil Young, The Byrds, Velvet Underground and The Smiths, among their many influences. Also on the bill is the Danny Kyle Duo, whose distinct finger-picking and bluesy melodies manage to encompass a jazzy sound.

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## MEDWAY LEISURE

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### Dramatic Les Mis fun at theatre workshop

ASPIRING West End performers can get a taste of life on the boards at a special workshop in Rainham.

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## Hop Farm weekenders' pay tribute to industry's finest

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A HOST of the UK's top tribute acts will converge on the Hop Farm this Friday for the first of two back-to-back rock and pop weekenders.

The unique music festivals cover a wide range of genres from James Brown to Robbie Williams and Abba to Dolly Parton.

A Hop Farm spokesman said they were looking forward to welcoming dozens of doppelgangers to the Paddock Wood venue.

They said: "Music fans can experience a unique blend of camping and musical mayhem with some of the UK's top tribute acts this August at The Hop Farm."

"Having recently hosted numerous high-profile music and entertainment events, rock and pop weekends at The Hop Farm are a welcome addition to the fantastic events calendar for 2009."

"Featuring acts such as Amy Connolly from X-Factor, the renowned tribute kings the Merseybeat Legends, and super troupers Abba Arrival, along with Robbie (Williams), The Great Pretender, a Bootleg Blondie and many more besides, the respective weekends are set to be a full-on musical extravaganza."

Other acts on the bill include Kenny Rogers and a Brian May tribute duo.

Weekend tickets cost £35 for adults. Day tickets cost £15 for adults and £5 per child. A weekend family pass – consisting of two adults and two children – is priced at £85.

For more information visit [www.thehopfarm.co.uk](http://www.thehopfarm.co.uk).



**TRIBUTE ACTS:** Robbie Williams and the Merseybeat Legends are just two of the acts coming to the Hop Farm

### CONFIRMED LINE-UP

**Friday, August 14 – Saturday 15**

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# Living like a god in sunny Cyprus

■ BY KATIE HODGE

FROM the moment I touched down in southern Cyprus, I was whisked into another realm.

I was off to cavort with the gods – in a junior suite at The Amathus, a hotel perched on the seafront and a stone's throw from the centre of old-town Paphos.

My room was palatial, with beautiful marble bathroom, minimalist Manhattan-style decor and a private, floodlit plunge-pool.

A welcoming – and welcome – bottle of champagne set the tone, and a sophisticated bunch of flowers brought some Cypriot warmth to the room.

I began my days like any self-respecting Goddess: indulgently. Breakfast on the sun-drenched terrace was, predictably, a feast from the heavens.

On the first morning I opted for American pancakes with maple syrup and wafer-thin bacon. And I would have stopped there, only I spotted the cereal bar.

But gods must concern themselves with higher matters, and leaving gastronomic delights behind me I made my way deeper into the ancient world.

UNESCO has recently added the whole town of Paphos to its World Heritage list, and not without reason.

Once the island's capital, Paphos is now famous for the remains of the Roman governor's palace, with its strikingly well-preserved mosaics of times long past.

Wandering around these ruins opens a door into another world, bringing history sharply into focus and leaving the wide-eyed explorer feeling humbled.

Cyprus, the third-largest Mediterranean



**TIMES GONE BY:** Paphos Castle is just one the many famous remains to be found dotted around the island of Cyprus

island, is at the crossroads of three continents.

The geographical position has, since antiquity, played an important part in its turbulent history, while the influences of Africa, Asia and Europe abound.

At my first stop, the Tombs of the Kings, I felt like I'd been dropped on to the set of some epic fantasy film. The large necropolis, lying just over a mile north-west of Paphos Harbour and carved out of solid rock, dates back to the Hellenistic and early Roman periods.

Named due to their magnificence, the tombs are open to all and are remarkably untouched – a lack of tourist barriers means visitors can wander at leisure into the caverns, seemingly discovering them for the first time.

Moving further inland, you can visit prehistoric settlements, Greek temples, Roman theatres, Byzantine churches and monasteries.

Tranquil villages are scattered over inland regions, dotted with churches where old traditions and customs have been kept alive. Those wanting a complete picture of the island need to allow for a longer visit than the few days I had.

One trip to the lesser-developed area of Polis in the south was well worth a couple of hours on the road. Nestling in the Mediterranean landscape, the Saint Neophytos Monastery and the Egkleistra – a small cave carved out of the rock face by a hermit in the 12th century – were also must-sees.

Is it possible to have too much of the sights and sounds of Cyprus? Not in three days, and probably not in three lifetimes – this is when it helps to be immortal.

Unfortunately for me, I had a flight to catch: I wasn't born a goddess, after all.

## FACT FILE: CYPRUS

<b>Time difference</b>	+ Three hours (GMT)
<b>Capital</b>	Nicosia
<b>Language</b>	Greek and Turkish
<b>Population</b>	Approx 1 million
<b>Currency</b>	£1 equals about 1.2 euros
<b>Religion</b>	Greek Orthodox, Muslim
<b>Climate</b>	Mediterranean

## Travel details

Katie Hodge was a guest of Amathus Beach Hotel, Paphos, and Sovereign Holidays which offers seven nights' half-board at the hotel from £849 (two sharing), including free dining upgrade to half-board and online discount, saving £552 per couple. Package includes return flights ex-Gatwick, private transfers, 24-hour Sovereign Concierge Service and ex-UK VIP airport lounge access.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

### ECONOMY GASTRONOMY BBC Two, 8pm, Wednesday

SINCE the infernal credit crunch, economic downturn, financial slump, recession, or whatever you want to call the monetary hell many of us are going through began, the box has been full of shows telling us how to pinch pennies to navigate our way through the whole ruddy mess.

BBC Two has hopped on to the money-saving bandwagon, but instead of telling us to fill up our cars with chip-fat it is showing us how to make savings by really thinking about what goes in the oven and into the dark recesses of the freezer.

In Economy Gastronomy, professional chefs Allegra McEvedey and Paul Merrett put a 'shopping strategically' plan into place for the participating families.

It may all sound a bit silly and twee, until you look at the statistics.

On the first show of the run, the England family stuck to a new regime and ditched their two takeaways a week to make a little bit more effort with the food that disappears down their collective pie-holes.

It's all about meal-planning, say the experts, who dished out wallet-friendly recipes for things like macaroni cheese and chilli con carne with the enthusiasm of a wasp relishing the chance to ruin a barbecue.

All this is mixed in with tips on how to 'make something out of nothing' and making more of what you keep in the cupboards, such as not keeping your block of cheese wrapped in cling-film because it makes it go off quicker.

This is all a bit idealistic when you think about it.

We don't all have the time, or indeed the inclination, to plan our weekly trudge around Asda like a well-honed



**EARNING THEIR STRIPES:** Allegra McEvedey and Paul Merrett give money-saving advice

military operation, meaning this show initially comes across as a bit over the top.

However, the family saved themselves about £87 a week, or roughly £4,500 a year, by not deviating from their set course.

That's a new car, a couple of holidays, or about 1,500 pints a year – or 25 pints if you drink in London.

Not so funny now, is it?

If you can afford to carry on eating like a monarch, then all this is probably wasted on you, but I for one can't, and – whisper it – I think I actually learnt a little something.

So it's a man-sized vat of bulk-cooked macaroni cheese for my dinner for the foreseeable future.

Let the good times roll...

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

**YOU** need to respect a loved one's boundaries. Yes, you're anxious to take this relationship further, but you have no respect for tradition. That's not necessarily a bad thing, but it does cause problems for your other half. Try seeing things from their point of view.

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**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

A **FINANCIAL** setback is extremely frustrating. You'll need to stretch to make ends meet. Don't ask family for help or you could be disappointed. Relatives are either broke or not very generous. Fortunately, you're very resourceful. Take a promise with a grain of salt.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**FINANCIAL** restrictions are driving you to distraction. You're tired of having to scrimp and save while everybody else seems to be able to buy what they want, when they want. Remember friends may look flush with cash, but are actually drowning in debt.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

**LOVE** and friendship don't always mix. Resist the urge to make a move on someone you have known for years. Although the initial encounter will be fun, you'll be filled with remorse afterwards. If you are in a relationship, you may be tempted to set up a friend on a blind date.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

**SOMEONE'S** refusal to acknowledge your anger will have explosive results. Stop trying to suppress your rage for the sake of peace. Until you get these feelings out in the open, they'll continue to fester. Stop attributing good motives to everyone you meet.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 21)

**IT** looks like family is standing in the way of your advancement. If you're going to make your dreams come true you need to break free from these confining relationships. That may mean moving into your own place, getting a job or cutting yourself off from some family members.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

**DON'T** give into an urge to undercut an authority figure's enthusiasm. Although their plans seem totally unrealistic, you should at least pretend to be supportive or your boss will turn you into a scapegoat. Beware of taking on too many jobs at work.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

**SOMEONE** near and dear to you is trying to push you into an undesirable arrangement. Your ambitions are different from theirs. It's time to set them straight, even at the risk of a temporary separation. In time, your friend will realise it is wrong to try to change you.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

**NO** matter how much you yell and scream a stubborn colleague won't change their ways. Friends have a way of going back on their promises this week. Ultimately, you are on your own. For the short-term future, you've got to summon every ounce of strength to perform the tasks ahead.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

**DEPRESSION** could be clouding your outlook. Stop giving into your worst fears. Even if you do meet with disappointment, it will be better than being held prisoner by fear. If you're attracted to someone make a play for their affections. You're more desirable than you realise.

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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**GIVING** in to your worst fears is keeping you frozen in time. You need to venture out of your comfort zone, even at the risk of getting hurt. A pushy teacher or know-it-all professional could rub you the wrong way. Work out whether their provocative ways could motivate you.

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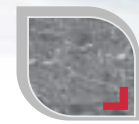
**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

**IT** takes time to get experience. If you're going to make progress in your chosen profession you've got to pay your dues. Don't be afraid to take on the thankless tasks everyone else avoids. After doing a good job with these duties some better opportunities will come your way.

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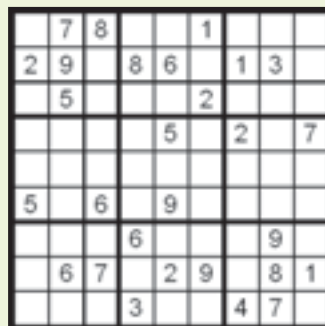
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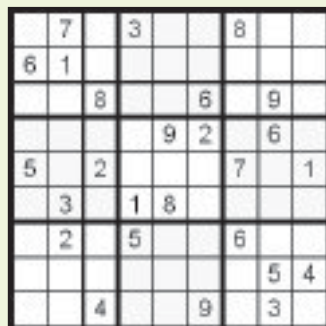
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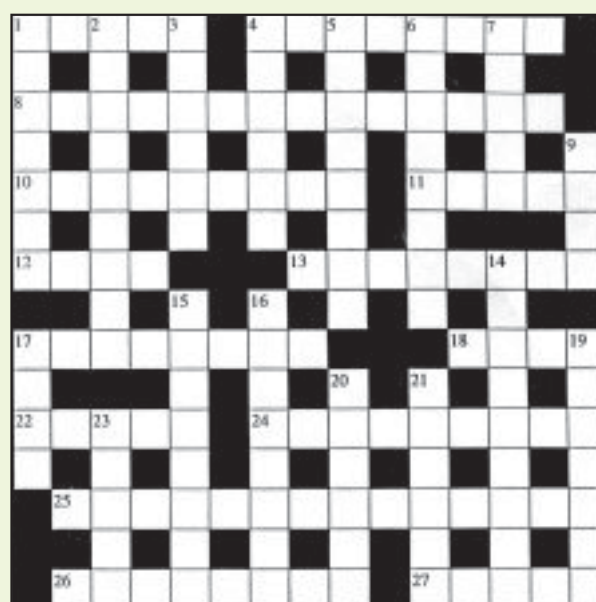
#### ACROSS

- 1 Some women do withhold present (5)
- 4 Any quip could be about inclusion of spiciness (8)
- 8 Act like a fool? (4,10)
- 10 Draw attention to stage illumination (9)
- 11 Some dusty leggings in fashion (5)
- 12 Nimble newt behind back of shed (4)
- 13 Sledge to go bang crashing (8)
- 17 Lever used to thump computer device (8)
- 18 Doctor on satellite (4)
- 22 Spicy cooking from tin about half junk (5)
- 24 Cooked nine tarts – they're not lasting very long (9)
- 25 One in Paris before thought it was spontaneous (14)
- 26 Moisturising agent? (8)
- 27 Void was not furnished (5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Barely visible (7)
- 2 Monstrous insect? (9)
- 3 Horse in ruse to move from side to side (6)
- 4 Stars fail exam (6)
- 5 Doubt the subject matter at issue (8)
- 6 Antipathy with ravine so violent (8)
- 7 Indian meal for groom (5)
- 9 Medium base (4)
- 14 Bird's favourite turn, it's a method of marching (5-4)
- 15 The one who hoisted the flag came second (6-2)
- 16 Mon? (8)
- 17 Boot? What to do with it (4)
- 19 Only Ted moved in a marked way (7)
- 20 Gaz and Ernie trapped fish (6)
- 21 Fly over East Street twice (6)
- 23 Endlessly jaunty perhaps for Spanish council (5)

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Jewel (5)
- 4 Excessive quantity of drugs (8)
- 8 Exaggerated (6-4-4)
- 10 Aide (9)
- 11 Fad (5)
- 12 Furnace (4)
- 13 Weak area (4,4)
- 17 Namedrop (anag.) (8)
- 18 Rubbish (4)
- 22 Gauge (5)
- 24 Nervous pain (9)
- 25 Plainsong (9,5)
- 26 Person of importance (8)
- 27 Different one (5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Fortification (7)
- 2 Ancient holy city (9)
- 3 Discomfort (6)
- 4 Proscribe (6)
- 5 Extortion (8)
- 6 Fragile (8)
- 7 Bulgarian capital (5)
- 9 Warmth (4)
- 14 Separate item of news (9)
- 15 Secret love affair (8)
- 16 \_\_\_ da Vinci (8)
- 17 Cougar (4)
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- 21 A cough (anag.) (6)
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# Sienna is no stranger to the role of femme fatale

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

FROM the on-off engagement to Jude Law, to the rumoured romance with father-of-four Balthazar Getty, via the lovelorn Welsh actor Rhys Ifans who proposed three times, it feels like we know more about Sienna Miller's relationship credentials than her acting ones.

It's a fact that hasn't bypassed the 27-year-old actress, who's more than aware of the impact her public break-up with Law in 2005 had on her career.

It set the tone for her life in the world's spotlight. Incessantly hounded by the paparazzi, Sienna hit back and has won numerous legal battles against newspapers and photo agencies in an attempt to protect her privacy.

"Yes, being on the cover of a magazine appeals to studios. But it plays against your work. A lot of people still feel I'm not a proper actress," she said of the Press intrusion in an interview last year.

In the same interview, she admitted being "a people-pleaser" who needed to learn to censor herself.

Fast-forward to 2009, and talking to the actress about her latest role as The Baroness in GI Joe: The Rise Of Cobra, it's clear Sienna has indeed toughened up. Even in vertiginous heels, Sienna makes a petite figure, more 'pretty girl groomed' than intimidatingly stunning; it's her wide, open smile that's the movie-star give-away.

"I'm a good coper" is what she will say on being tabloid fodder. "I'm a happy person and I've got a great, fortunate life and I'm really just generally happy."

Sienna and her fellow cast members, includ-



**FIGHTER:** Miller plays the role of The Baroness in GI Joe

ing Dennis Quaid and Channing Tatum, are in London on the second stop of a worldwide tour to promote the much-anticipated summer blockbuster GI Joe: The Rise Of Cobra.

Based on the characters of the comic book, animated series and GI Joe action figure, this is Sienna's first big-budget Hollywood movie.

"Initially, I was really intimidated because it was a crew of a thousand," she says. "But I quickly adapted and it was so much fun, it was a really, really cool experience."

Plus she gets to play femme fatale and all-round kick-ass villain The Baroness.

Sienna has been quietly growing critical

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acclaim for her performances in small, independent movies such as The Edge Of Love where she played Dylan Thomas's wife Caitlin opposite Keira Knightley and her stellar performance as Edie Sedgwick in Factory Girl.

All the GI Joe cast have signed up for another two movies, as long as this one is a box-office success, although Sienna is adamant that there's no move to Hollywood in the pipeline.

"I'm staying at home, I can't leave London. It's great because I get to travel a lot with work, but it'll always be my home here," she says.

This autumn she will indeed be hopping over the Atlantic to star in the Broadway play After Miss Julie, alongside Johnny Lee Miller.

Before that, though, "it's a case of getting through the promotion of this".

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### £925m plan to restart development projects

THE Government has announced a £925 million initiative that could allow work to recommence on 270 stalled development projects across England.

According to the Housing Minister John Healey, the scheme could get building work on 22,400 homes back on track and create 20,000 jobs.

Every region already has projects shortlisted under the Kickstart Programme, which forms part of Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Housing Pledge.

More than 8,600 of the homes created by the scheme will be for affordable rent or sale, with two-thirds built to a standard above building regulations, in an attempt to cut CO2 emissions and reduce energy bills for the families that live in them.

More than a third of the funding will go to housing associations and slightly under one-fifth to support developers in the form of direct grants, but only where firms cannot obtain finance from other sources.

In addition, the Government expects almost half the money to be repaid within five years.

### 'Change of use' law not good new for landlords

LANDLORDS already having to cope with legislation surrounding the rental market may find themselves hit with extra costs and work if Government proposals come into force.

The housing market downturn has led to a proliferation of landlords who have arrived in the sector almost by default as homeowners who need to relocate, but are unable to sell, turn to the rental market for a solution.

According to experts, ministers are proposing changes that will affect houses in multiple occupation, such as student accommodation.

One is that a 'change of use' under planning law could be required if the number of people occupying a rental property exceeds three unrelated individuals.

The cost of obtaining the consent, plus the risk of a void period cropping up during the process, could therefore add to the burden of both amateur and professional landlords.

The Residential Landlords Association has said it will fight the changes, which are aimed at preventing residential areas in certain cities becoming predominantly occupied by students.



# Refusal to lend holds up property sector's revival

■ BY NICK AMES

PROPERTY lending reached a 14-month high in June, but is still far below traditionally normal levels, according to the latest figures revealed by Bank of England.

And financial experts say the lack of finances available to would-be homebuyers is holding back the recovery in the market.

The bank said mortgage approvals were up 35.2 per cent on June last year at 47,584, but this figure represented only about half the previous average figure of 93,400 monthly mortgage approvals.

And it is a sign that despite pent-up demand, property buyers are simply not able to access the finance they need, real estate experts warn.

The whole issue of lack of finance is holding back a property sector revival, analysts believe.

New figures from Nationwide, the UK's largest building society, show that prices increased 1.3 per cent in July, the fourth increase in five months.

Its chief economist Martin Gahbauer said that tight supply, pent-up demand and historically low interest rates had been enough to produce a bounce in prices despite the economic downturn and lack of finance.

But questions remain over the stability of property prices and restrictive lending criteria still being used by banks.

There is still a great deal of concern over the state of the economy and long-term employment figures, suggesting growth in mortgage lending will be slow at best.

"These figures are positive news, but it is still extremely difficult to arrange mortgage finance for the majority of prospective buyers.

"Unless you have a sizeable deposit, a good salary, a safe job and a faultless credit history, you'll struggle to be accepted for a loan," said



Andrew Montlake, director at independent mortgage broker Coreco.

Paul Samter, economist at the Council of Mortgage Lenders, believes that any recovery will be slow and drawn out.

He said: "The outlook is still sluggish as capacity constraints on the lending industry and continuing deterioration in the labour market will act as a brake on the pick up."

The latest figures from the Building Societies Association also indicate a slight improvement in lending. Its data shows that gross mortgage

lending by building societies was just under £2 billion in June, the highest level seen this year and up 30 per cent on May.

"Lending remains at historically low levels and is 40 per cent lower than in June last year. While these signs of improvement are welcome, activity is still very weak.

"Net lending is only a small fraction of the levels seen through 2008 and lending for house purchases remains about 50 per cent below the long-run average," said Brian Morris, head of savings policy at the BSA.

## Site warning to children during summer holidays

have recently started work on three new developments.

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"It's important to get youngsters thinking about the dangers that exist and get the message across that they should stay away," he said.

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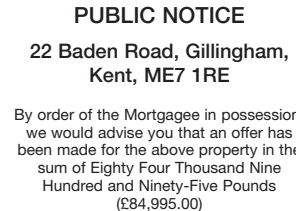


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## MOTORS NEWS



### Fiesta time for Ford as awards keep piling up

AUTO Express magazine has lauded the Ford Fiesta at its 2009 awards. The supermini – the UK's best-seller – not only scooped the overall Car of the Year 2009, but was also judged Best Supermini.

Ford also took the Best MPV award with its sporty S-Max and earned commendations for the Ka, Kuga and two Mondeo models. Auto Express editor-in-chief, David Johns, said of the Fiesta: "The sleek exterior makes many rivals look dated, while the cutting-edge cabin is as distinctive as it is attractive."



### Hard-up buyers can't fall back on used cars

PRICES for used cars have rocketed, leaving recession-hit buyers struggling to find deals.

Trade valuation 'bible' Glass's Guide reports used stocks at an "all-time low" with no sign of improvement. The problem stems from private and corporate new car buyers backing off new acquisitions at the first signs of recession, choking used supplies further down the line.

Glass's rival CAP says small car values are most robust, but open-tops and MPVs like the Toyota Verso (pictured) are rising.



### Eco-friendly Nissan are turning over new Leaf

NISSAN has announced an affordable and practical electric car that could be with us within two years.

The Leaf not only has the right name for a zero-emission car, but also looks the part while being able to cover 100 miles on its lithium-ion batteries; 80 per cent of their capacity can then be restored by a 30-minute charge – the nose panel conceals the charging point.

Pricing should be competitive too since, unlike hybrids, an electric car is less complex and cheaper to make.



**IT'S LOOKING GOOD:** Peugeot's 207 delivers a good ride with decent comfort and wears its size well with sharp styling, a deep window line and huge sweeping headlamps

# Peugeot supermini style still attractive to buyers

IT took time for Peugeot to hit the mark on superminis, but it has been on target ever since.

The purple patch stretches back to the 1980s 205, which became the best-selling Peugeot of all time during a 14-year run, only for the record to be smashed by its 206 successor.

That car was only partially replaced by the 207 tested here, continuing as a bargain basement alternative built in Slovakia.

The bigger 207 wears its size well with sharp styling, a deep window line and huge sweeping headlamps. Not surprisingly, it is also roomier and more comfortable inside than the 206, even if the raked back cramps rear seating and headroom and costs some boot space, though the 60/40 split seats fold flat to create a van-like rear.

The airy cabin was enhanced on the test car by the optional Cielo panoramic roof – a no-brainer really at £400 extra – and all this light falls on quality materials and an excellent dashboard layout far superior to the old 206's.

Extra audio controls are mounted on a wide stalk to the right of the steering column; obviously cheaper than attaching them to the

## ROAD TEST PEUGEOT 207

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

wheel itself yet easily accessible whatever steering lock is applied. A lack of cabin stowage is the only real concern.

Once on the move, you re-discover Peugeot's forte in supermini chassis designs that consistently deliver a good drive with decent ride comfort.

The 207 grips well and can be pressed hard, with well-controlled body roll on the corners.

Engine choice runs from the lively 1.4-litre entry petrol engine – a better way into 207 ownership than it appears – to mainstay 1.6-litre petrol variants and two similar capacity diesel line-ups.

Our high level Sport spec test car had the 1.6-litre HDi diesel unit in mid-range 90bhp output, which is a fine all-rounder (model price: £14,495).

It can be a bit raucous when cold and under pressure, but there is plenty of pulling power for safer exiting of junctions or overtaking, though the five-speed gearbox feels vague.

The 207 can look pricey, but has to be on any supermini shopping list and the current Verve special edition is a good deal from £12,040 with alloys and air con as standard.

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**3 SERIES**, 330ci coupe manual, 2002, silver metallic with black dakota leather, 87100 miles, £5999, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)**3 SERIES**, 3.0 330i M Sport Touring Estate 5d 2596cc auto (2006), (52) 2002, very rare top spec car, genuine mileage with fsh, pas, full leather, climate control, 18" mv alloys, cruise control, xenons, rear park assist, 4 x e/windows, e/mirrors, heated seats, please visit us at [www.premiormotorcompany.co.uk](http://www.premiormotorcompany.co.uk) for full details of this & many more quality cars, we guarantee all of our cars are of a retail standard & backed by a parts & labour warranty, finance arranged, credit & debit cards welcome as is part exchange, orient blue with full beige leather, 82, 000 miles, £7995, Shore, 01474 822322 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 318 ci es coupe, 2005, silver metallic with black cloth, 45800 miles, £6999, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 325 ci sport convertible auto, 2002, topaz blue metallic with grey leather sport seats, 93000 miles, £8950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 325 i es manual touring, 2001, crystal green met with green cloth, 122000 miles, £2999, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 318 ci es, 2005, orient blue metallic with black leather, 22800 miles, £8999, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, £231se, 2007, sapphire black metallic with grey cloth interior, 43800 miles, £13999, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)**5 SERIES**, £23i sport manual, 2007, silver metallic with black alcantara sport seats, 39000 miles, £16999, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**X5**, 3.0 sport automatic, 2002, topaz blue metallic with black dakota sport leather, 104065 miles, £8999, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**X5**, 3.0d Sport 5dr Auto, yc04mdf, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, folding rear seats, immobiliser, park distance control, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, remote locking, roof rails, side airbags, radio/cd multichanger, rear headrests, sports seats, traction control. insurance group:17, black, 60000 miles, £17995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**FIAT**

**PUNTO**, 2004, met blue, 50234 miles, £3995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, 1.2, 2002, burnt orange, 52651 miles, £1995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, 1.2 8v Active Hatchback 13d 1242cc, (06) 2006, abs, cd, low insurance & tax bandings - , silver, 14, 000 miles, £3995, Shore, 01474 822322 (TRADE)

**FORD**

**KA**, 3, 2000x, power steering immobilizer and alarmed one former keeper full service history all books taxed tested cheap insurance and tax ideal runabout easy parking in super condition throughout, blue, 79k miles, £1395, preter warrington, kent, 01634246086 (PRIVATE)

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**C-MAX**, 1.8TDci Titanium 5dr, ej08ytl, grey, 7990 miles, £14490, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.8 Zetec 5dr - SPORTS PACK ZETEC, ng08bhz, metallic vision, sports pack zetec, privacy glass, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, child locks, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, colour coding interior, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, heated screen, locking wheel nuts, lumbar support, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, radio, remote locking, spoiler, rear headrests, tinted glass, blue, 24000 miles, £11695, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.8TDci Zetec 5dr - PRIVACY GLASS & 16 ALLOYS, oe08eaf, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, child locks, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, colour coding interior, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, extra seats, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, heated screen, locking wheel nuts, lumbar support, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, radio, remote locking, radio/cd, silver, 25500 miles, £10695, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.8TDci Zetec 5dr - PRIVACY GLASS, ni08yvs, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, child locks, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, , immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, radio, remote locking, insurance group:7, silver, 26668 miles, £10695, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.6TDci Zetec 5dr - SPORT PACK 2, pk08bso, sport seats, sports suspension, 17 alloys, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering airbags, steel wheels, tinted glass, traction control. insurance group:7, silver, 25206 miles, £10995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.6TDci Zetec 110 5dr [DPF] - SPORTS PACK 2, ea58nxx, sports pack body coloured rear spoiler, sport seats, sports suspension, privacy glass, 17 alloys, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, body kit, central locking, group:8, black, 26100 miles, £13995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 2.0 Titanium 5dr - AUTO, ov06zsk, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, colour coding interior, driver airbag, electric mirrors, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, heated screen, locking wheel nuts, lumbar support, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, silver, 21107 miles, £11695, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 2.0TDci Titanium 136ps 5dr "AUTOMATIC SPORT PACK", ca080vu, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, head restraints, blue, 0 miles, £15000, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.6TDci Zetec 5dr, ap08nrf, contact the used car team for more help, all vehicles come with balance of 3 year, 17 alloy upgrade, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, driver airbag, electric mirrors, foglights, front armrest, heated screen, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, adjustable seats, child locks, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, remote locking, side airbags. insurance group:7, grey, 28102 miles, £11495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

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**C-MAX**, 1.8TDci Titanium 5dr\*\*\*\*\*SPORT PACK 3\*\*\*\*\*, ng08htr, contact the used car team for more help, all vehicles come with balance of 3 year, balance of 3 year warranty, 18 alloys, rain sensing wipers, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, child locks, colour coding body, computer, electric mirrors, paintwork, insurance group:8, grey, 25693 miles, £12495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

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**C-MAX**, 1.8TDci Titanium 5dr - SPORT PACK 3, ng08hko, partial leather trim, heated front seats, sports suspension, body coloured rear spoiler, esp, folding mirrors, sports stereo, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, body kit, central locking, group:8, black, 26100 miles, £13995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**ESCORT**, 1998, green, 86796 miles, £995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**ESCORT**, lx, 1998, met green, 61000 miles, £800, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**FIESTA**, 1.4 Zetec Climate, 2006, jeans, 17586 miles, £6995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 Ghia, 2007, moon dust silver, 14000 miles, £8495, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, Zetec Climate 1242cc 5 door, 2006, central locking driver's air bag power steering metallic blue, 26350 miles, £8495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 Zetec 3dr (Climate) - SPORT & TECH PACK, wm08gzb, tech pack, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:4, silver, 13223 miles, £7495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 Ghia 5dr, en03kcx, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:8, silver, 13223 miles, £7495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.25 Style 3dr (Climate), yt55bfu, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, head blue, 27301 miles, £5795, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 Zetec 3dr (Climate) - SPORT & TECH PACK, wj57gzp, privacy glass, folding mirrors, auto headlits, auto wipers, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:4, blue, 19817 miles, £6990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 TDCi Zetec 5dr, aj58fww, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd, ford direct. insurance group:4, blue, 3214 miles, £12990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.25 Zetec 5dr (Climate), bp08zpo, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:4, blue, 10732 miles, £8490, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.25 Style 5dr (Climate), bf58jdi, metallic moon dust, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, silver, 12637 miles, £7495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 TDCi Zetec 5dr\*\*\*\*\*DIESEL 735 YEAR TAX\*\*\*\*\*, ea58jvr, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, blue, 3000 miles, £9495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 TDCi Zetec 5dr (Climate), mf58ljd, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, black, 14065 miles, £8495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 Ghia 5dr - FULL LEATHER, wu58jxy, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints,headrests. insurance group:5, blue, 14077 miles, £8495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 Titanium 3dr - KEYLESS ENTRY, FORD POWER START, ek58wvt, ford power start, tech pack, ford power start, privacy glass, bluetooth with usb, folding mirrors, electric windows, auto wipers, auto headlits, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd, insurance group:4, silver, 6000 miles, £12495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 2.0 ST 3dr - FULL LEATHER, gf07bno, park assist, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd multichanger, rear headrests, sports seats. insurance group:13, red, 18800 miles, £3945, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 Zetec Blue 3dr - SPECIAL EDITION, m08fnz, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, blue, 14638 miles, £7995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 Ghia 5dr - FULL LEATHER, na07vic, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, silver, 29265 miles, £7995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.25 Style 3dr (Climate), gf57xpo, adjustable seats, air conditioning, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:4, blue, 19817 miles, £6990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.25 Zetec 5dr (Climate), jh05dxx, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, black, 37825 miles, £8495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

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**COLT**, 1.3 C2Z 3dr, gk09nmv, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, white, 6000 miles, £7995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**COLT**, 1.3 C2Z ClearTec 5dr, gk09mvl, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, blue, 3000 miles, £9495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**I-CAR**, 5dr Auto, gn57uta, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, colour coding body, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, tinted glass, black, 14000 miles, £6995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**L200**, Double Cab 2.5 Td Trojan, gj56ych, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, leather seats, locking wheel nuts, power assisted steering, remote locking, silver, 27000 miles, £8995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**L200**, Double Cab Di-D Diamond 4WD Auto 165bhp, fe57ofh, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti theft system, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, electric sunroof, foglights, heated seats, leather seats, locking wheel nuts, power assisted steering, traction control, insurance group:19, blue, 21500 miles, £13995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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**LANCER**, 2.0 Di-D GS4 4dr, gk09nws, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, heated seats, leather seats, immobiliser/traction control. insurance group:9, red, 500 miles, £16995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**LANCER**, 1.6 Elegance 4dr Auto, jh05wrf, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:9, silver, 15250 miles, £4695, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**LANCER**, 1.6 GS3 4dr, gk08ycg, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, climate control, computer, , 3yrs f, 37500 mile free servicing with this car, saving, , silver, 9000 miles, £11995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**LANCER**, 1.6 GS3 4dr CVT, h08zrf, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, traction control. insurance group:8, saving, blue, 6800 miles, £11995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**OUTLANDER**, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti theft system, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, dvd, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, multi function steering wheel, power assisted steering. insurance group:11, silver, 17300 miles, £15495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**OUTLANDER**, 1.20 Di-DC Warrior 5dr "Lather", wv08bta, electric mirrors, leather gearknob, tinted windows, airbag double + side, cd player, fog lights, electric/dor mirrors, metallic paint, leather steering wheel, 18 light alloy wheels, adjustable seat height, air-conditioning, boardcomputer, silver, 3000 miles, £18495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**OUTLANDER**, 1.20 Di-DC Warrior 5dr, wn08czz, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti theft system, child locks, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, front armrest, folding rear seats, leather seats, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, multi function steering wheel, power assisted steering, remote locking, insurance group:11, grey, 12000 miles, £17995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**SHOGUN**, 3.2 Di-DC Diamond 5dr Auto, gk07vyt, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti theft system, central locking, child locks, climate control, colour coding body, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, dvd, electric mirrors, electric windows, extra seats, electric sunroof, foglights, front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, head restraints, headlight washers, folding rear seats, heated seats, leather seats, limited slip differential, locking wheel nuts, lumbar support, immobiliser, multi function steering wheel, green, 20395 miles, £20495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**SHOGUN**, 3.2 Di-D Elegance 5dr Auto "Raliart Upgrade", lv58jpk, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, electric sunroof, foglights, front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, head restraints, headlight washers, folding rear seats, heated seats, leather seats, limited slip differential, locking wheel nuts, lumbar support, immobiliser, multi function steering wheel, green, 20395 miles, £20495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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**ALMERA**, 2.2d se+, 2001, silver, 0 miles, £2995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

**FIGARO**, 1.0 turbo auto, 1990, green and white with white leather, £22000 miles, £4799, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**MICRA**, 1.2 16v S, oe05wew, cloth, carbon, 3 rear headrests, 3-point elr seatbelts, abs with brake assist, battery save, body coloured bumpers, central door locking, driver's airbag, electric brake distribution (ebd), electric front windows, engine immobiliser, friendly lighting system, front fog lamps, headlamp levelling, keyless entry with superlocking, keyless assisted steering (pas), rear park system, tilt adjustable driver's seat, keyless entry with superlocking, passenger airbag, rear sliding seat, single cd player, speed dependent pas, tilt adjustable steering wheel, techno grey, 31000 miles, £5495.0000, Canterbury, 01227 766777 (TRADE)

**MICRA**, 1.2 16v URBIS, g05bvjb, cloth, carbon, 3 rear headrests, 60:40 split



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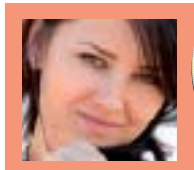
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## WOMEN seeking men

### LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Young lady, 20, enjoys meals out, cinema and socialising with friends, WLTm a man, 20-30, with similar interests. Eastbourne Box 454247 **1**

### A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Hi I'm Katie, caring, fun-loving, 5ft5, slim single mum of 2. Enjoy clubbing out and cosy nights in with genuine man. Box 453269 **1**

### MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 **1**

### NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft11, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 **1**

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756 **1**

### GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 **1**

### YOURS AND YOURS ONLY

Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mum, 29, WLTm white British male, 29-34, no ties, for long-term relationship. Box 883431 **1**

### SEEKING MR DARCY

Warm, kind and sincere woman, 31, lots of love and loyalty for the right person, seeking an honest genuine man with a good heart. Box 451004 **1**

### HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **1**

### IN THE COUNTRY

Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5ft2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265 **1**

### A FAIRYTALE ENDING!

Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 **1**

### GOOD LUCK CHARM

Sporty female, 34, 5ft2, likes the gym, beach walks, Tennis and cycling, wltm similar male in his 30s for friendship in Eastbourne. Box 453712

### FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 **1**

### SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595 **1**

### HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Canterbury Wells. Box 308734 **1**

### SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 **1**

### STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378



## SOMETHING LASTING

Professional single mum, 37, own home, looking for a man for friendship, hopefully a permanent relationship. Halisham Box 455221 **1**

## HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **1**

## GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding, and WLTm honest, reliable man. Box 451311 **1**

## LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **1**



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## MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 **1**

## SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **1**

## CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 **1**

## BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 **1**

## A SOUL MATE

Black Christian girl, 39, likes country music, loving, considerate, kind and caring, looking for a like-minded man, 32-50, with a pretty inside. Box 453066 **1**

## ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724 **1**

## PERFECT MATCH

Hi I'm Nikki, 5ft7, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys animals especially my pets. Looking for a tall man who has a personality compatible with mine Box 453374 **1**

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## TO THE STARS

Kind, loving and caring woman, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457 **1**

## YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 39yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **1**

## A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, wltm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **1**

## SMILE!

Looking for a fun-loving guy for a LTR. I'm 41, works as a dental nurse, easy to get on with, always up for fun times. Sittingbourne Box 454827 **1**

## THE WIT TO WOO!

Kent female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 452862 **1**

## BETWEEN US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, outgoing, fun-loving, professional, looking for white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 **1**

## FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident-once-nervous female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 **1**

## I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, gosh, looking for a man with no issues and gosh who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 **1**

## ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 447496 **1**

## LOVE IS ALL AROUND

Happy-go-lucky, bubbly Blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley Box 454517 **1**

## HELLO EVERYONE!

Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTm a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Seaford Box 454569 **1**

## ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, wltm mixed race/black girl, to share good times with. Box 451819 **1**

## LET'S DATE!

Hard-working woman, 42, WLTm a nice and caring man to date and be happy with. Herne Bay Box 453327 **1**

## BELLA ISABEL

Lovely, fun and caring brunette, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving, WLTm a gent to socialise with. Box 878250 **1**

## SMILES, LAUGHTER AND FUN

Country girl, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long natural Auburn colour hair, green eyes, seeks man for long term relationship, fun, smiles and good times! Battle. Box 878304 **1**

## YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457 **1**

## THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **1**

## STARTING OVER

Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soaps, the beach. WLTm a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 878141 **1**

## COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 **1**

## RELIGHT MY FIRE

Young professional widow, 46, own home, tall, attractive, green eyes/fair hair, enjoys all the good things in life. Looking for a fun-loving romantic guy. Box 876575 **1**

## YOUNG AT HEART

Young 46, fun-loving but also mature, serious female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent and full of fun. Box 884113 **1**

## FROM THIS MOMENT

Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, n/s, affectionate, loyal and caring, looking for a male, 40-45, n/s, -5ft7, to share life with. Ashford. Box 454591 **1**

## HOPING YOUR THE ONE

Petite, outgoing blonde, 46, GSOH, looking for a caring, compassionate man who will be my soulmate and hopefully my life partner. Box 454710 **1**

## HEART AND SOUL

Easy-going single mum, 46, 5ft4, size 12/14, likes bowling, gardening, swimming, looking for a man, 35-49, slim/medium build with similar interests. Maidstone Box 454176 **1**

## SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186 **1**

## ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 **1**

## BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952 **1**

## ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 **1**

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Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 417100 **1**

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## JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **1**

## HIT THE JACKPOT

Good-looking female, 50, looking for a kind, reliable and honest man, must be a moderate drinker, for companionship and romance. Box 878216 **1**

## LOVELY BUBBLY

Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gosh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 **1**

## BRING ME TO LIFE

Lighthearted female, 42, 5ft2, medium build, loves walking, socialising, swimming, holidays, looking for friendship maybe more. Box 453832 **1**

## YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...

Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410 **1**

## COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE

Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTm similar loving male. Box 434642 **1**

## A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Bubbly blonde, 56, hazel eyes, hard working, seeking a man, 45-55, to be my knight in shining armour.Herne Bay Box 455417 **1**

## LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 **1**

## WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 **1**

## CALL ME LOVE

Young at heart 63yr old woman, likes most things, looking for a genuine male, for friendship and more. Box 452662 **1**

## LOTS OF TLC TO GIVE

Happy-go-lucky lady, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walking and holidays abroad, looking for a like-minded male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 452897 **1**

## NEARLY FOUND

Tall, slim, fair-haired lady, 68, sociable but lonely and looking to meet a man to take a special place in my life. Folkestone. Box 454993 **1**

## MEANT TO MEET...

Grounded lady of 73, looking for companionship with a similar gentleman who wants to share and enjoy all of life's pleasures. Box 453141 **1**

## PUT THAT SPARK BACK IN MY LIFE

Virgo male, 40, 5ft7, stocky build, kind, loving, fine guy, enjoys the cinema, meals out, walks on beaches, WLTm like-minded person to be my girl. Box 446211 **1**

## A NEW LEAF

Genuine, caring male, loving, and hardworking. Young 40, slim, 5ft10, blue eyes. WLTm woman with similar qualities. Kent. Box 453676 **1**

## ILL MAKE YOU SMILE

Kath from Kent, 40, two children, like walking, swimming, cycling, very fun-loving, looking for a girl with similar interests. Box 453111 **1**

## HONESTY IS KEY

Honest gent, 39, 5ft11, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, like country pubs and clubs, restaurants, dining out, cosy nights in! Seeking similar lady down-to-earth. Box 452101 **1**

## YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL

Romantic man, 41, 5ft10, slim, average looking, looking for a lady to bring love and laughter back into my life. Canterbury Box 455342 **1**

## LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR

Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes cars, games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750 **1**

## ADVENTURE AHEAD

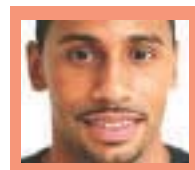
Happy-go-lucky male, 43, Looking for a woman who I can engage with in mutual love, respect, admiration and adventure! Box 877109 **1**

## FREE AND SINGLE

Mixed race male, 42, 5ft10, likes chatting, and music. Looking for an attractive, romantic female, in the Swale or Medway areas. Box 877462 **1**

## HONEST

Kind, caring and loving 44yr old man, slim, 5ft11, dark hair/eyes, love walking, music, looking for black lady, no ties, 25-45, for a LTR. Maidstone. Box 453980 **1**



## MEN seeking women

### FOR LOVE

Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! likes going/seeing out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752 **1**

### THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Seeking honest woman, who I can be myself with. I'm a genuine male, 34, GSOH, and enjoy sports, sky diving, drinks out, swimming. Box 878986 **1**

### BOTTLE OF WINE

Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft9, medium build, brown hair, slim, enjoys going out, socialising, cinema, walks. Box 450165 **1**

### I'M YOUR MAN

Hi I'm Dave, 37, 6ft, likes staying in and going out, looking for a easygoing female for friendship leading to more. Box 453105 **1**

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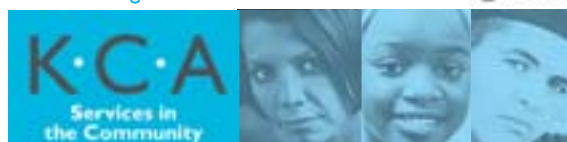
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## CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Kent Cricket League Division Three  
Wickham Park 1st XI v Upchurch 1st XI

UPCHURCH eased to a comfortable eight-wicket victory against Wickham Park on Saturday, but now share the lead of Division Three with Minster.

Dean Headley's side had looked like running away with the title earlier in the season, but they came into the game with a slender lead, mainly due to bad weather which had washed out four of their previous six fixtures.

Relegation-threatened Wickham Park were perhaps the ideal opponents, especially as they could only field nine players.

After being put into bat, Wickham Park laboured from the beginning. Both openers struggled to score and they were removed cheaply by Tim Mullis, while Marc Bond also struck twice early on to reduce the hosts to 45 for 4.

A brief fightback in the middle order was broken up by Michael Hales junior. The spinner took 4 for 21 in just under six overs to skittle Wickham Park for 98.

The total never looked like troubling the visitors and they eased home after just 19 overs. Andrew Shirley and Headley were both out for 14, but opener Jamie Parker guided Upchurch home with an unbeaten 47.

Yet despite winning, Upchurch now share top spot alongside Minster with four games remaining.

## Upchurch feel the heat



NECK AND NECK: Upchurch now share the lead at the top of Division Three, despite an easy win over nine-man Wickham Park

## SCOREBOARD

## Wickham Park

	Runs
Neil Latteman ct Headley b Mullis	7
James Reid ct Taylor b Mullis	8
Clifford Hayward ct Shirley b Bond	14
Oliver Willis ct Shirley b Bond	17
Toby Amos lbw b Hales jnr	24
Gary George ct Parker b Hales jnr	23
Martin Crowther ct Parker b Hales jnr	8
Adam Smith ct Taylor b Hales jnr	0
Adam Teare not out	0
Extras (2b 3lb 2w)	7
Total (all out, 36.5 overs)	98

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Marc Bond	13	4	39	2
Tim Mullis	15	5	27	2
Michael Hales jnr	5.5	1	21	4
Adam Hodder	3	0	6	0

## Upchurch

	Runs
Jamie Parker not out	47
Andrew Shirley ct Crowther b Amos	14
Dean Headley ct Hayward b Crowther	14
Lee Taylor not out	18
Michael Hales jnr did not bat	
Michael Hales did not bat	
Adam Hodder did not bat	
Marc Bond did not bat	
Daniel Parker did not bat	
Bradleigh Barrett did not bat	
Tim Mullis did not bat	
Extras (4b 3w)	7
Total (2 wickets, 19 overs)	100

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Martin Crowther	8	0	36	1
Toby Amos	8	1	33	1
Adam Teare	2	0	21	0
James Reid	1	0	6	0

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR 2ND XI  
Upchurch 2nd XI v Wickham Park 2nd XI

CENTURIES from Hal Pearson and Andrew Danton guided Upchurch 2's to a massive 174 run victory.

Wickham were forced to rue their decision to put Upchurch into bat, as Pearson (153) and Danton (107) hit their bowlers all over the ground. Finnan Gunning and Ben Hayward ended their spell, but at a cost.

After declaring with the score 288 for 2 after 40 overs, Upchurch went in search of quick wickets and ripped through Wickham Park, bowling them out for just 114.

## Upchurch

	Runs
Hal Pearson	153
Andrew Danton	107
Lee Stepney	2
Jimmy Collins	8
Alan Collis	0
Jim Phillips	0
Timothy Goodwin	3
Jack Davies	0
Jason Perry	14
Daniel Overbury	0
Dave Lloyd jnr	0
Extras	18
Total	288

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Jon Stevens	7	0	43	0
Peter Humphrey	12	1	56	0
Andy Pauling	10	0	63	0
Ben Hayward	8	0	95	1
Finnan Gunning	3	0	17	1

## Wickham Park

	Runs
Glyn Gunning	65
Michael Duffy	7
Jon Stevens	7
Andy Pauling	4
David Smith	1
Finnan Gunning	7
John Duffy	3
Ben Hayward	2
Peter Humphrey	0
Extras	18
Total	114

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Overbury	6	1	31	0
Jason Perry	15	6	16	3
Lee Stepney	9	3	27	2
Jim Phillips	14	8	15	2
Dave Lloyd Jnr	8	4	11	1
Jack Davies	3	2	3	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR  
Gravesend RF 1st XI v Rainham 1st XI

CALLUM Mitchell starred with bat and ball as Rainham won a nail-biter against Gravesend by four runs.

The visitors made a mess of their innings, with only Mitchell (44) able to make a telling contribution. Significantly Rainham's total was topped up by 23 extras, which would prove to be decisive.

Mitchell then excelled with the ball, removing Gravesend's top three batsmen. Runs in the middle order made the hosts favourites, but Mitchell returned to finish with figures of 6 for 17 as Gravesend finished just short of victory.

## Rainham

	Runs
Andy Parkinson	5
David Sherhod	10
Matt Goodwin	5
James Austin	10
Callum Mitchell	44
James Sherhod	1
Stuart Chipperfield	3
Phil Bellars	7
Chris Small	14
Paul Newton	14
Thomas Burns	0
Extras	23
Total	137

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Nigel Dee	13	4	27	1
Russ Wilde	15	6	25	3
S Saeed	8	2	18	3
Sukhpal Singh Rana	8.4	0	29	2
Sandeep Singh	4	0	22	0

## Gravesend RF

	Runs
Richard Ashley	8
S Saeed	11
Tich Chodha	0
Unsure	10
Sandeep Singh	41
Nigel Dee	0
Sukhpal Singh Rana	34
Mohammed Asif Malik	5
Varinderjit Chodha	3
Russ Wilde	4
Steve Waghorn	2
Extras	11
Total	133

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Callum Mitchell	13	6	17	6
James Sherhod	10	4	21	1
Chris Small	6	1	18	1
James Austin	4	0	25	1
Thomas Burns	4	0	24	1
Paul Newton	3	0	18	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A  
Frindsbury 1st XI v Nonington 1st XI

NONINGTON stayed in contention for the 1A title as they comfortably beat struggling Frindsbury by four wickets.

The home side were put into bat but found scoring difficult. No fewer than seven of their line-up reached double figures but none could convert their good start into a big score.

Nonington found runs easier to come by, with Jamie Burrett (47) their top scorer. Samuel Gracey and Shivajith Mutteal took two wickets each but the visitors got home with plenty to spare.

## Frindsbury

	Runs
Peter Blackman	17
Ian Budd	12
Robert Sait	34
Sam Dudgeon	12
Nigel Pullen	17
Sam Budd	0
Stuart Elwood	0
Dan Scudder	13
Samuel Gracey	16
Shivajith Mutteal	0
John Reeves	0
Extras	19
Total	140

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Rob Paton	8	1	26	0
Nick Blackman	7	3	7	1
Josh Tutton	12	5	31	3
Russell Stewart	6	1	21	0
Jamie Burrett	5	0	19	0
Matt Sadler	6	3	17	3
Paul Laurent	2	0	6	0

## Nonington

	Runs
Nick Blackman	25
Matt Sadler	23
Jamie Burrett	47
Paul Laurent	10
Rob Paton	6
Nathan Charlton	6
James Anderson	5
Josh Tutton	10
Gary Coulson	0
Carl Knowles	0
Russell Stewart	9
Extras	9
Total	141

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
John Reeves	5	0	21	1
Ian Budd	3	0	24	0
Sam Dudgeon	5.2	0	21	1
Samuel Gracey	9	4	31	2
Shivajith Mutteal	10	0	36	2

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A  
Bobbing Court & Lower Halstow 1st XI v  
Coudrey 1st XI

TREVOR Earl helped Bobbing Court & Lower Halstow spring a surprise two-wicket victory against title hopefuls Coudrey.

Earl took 4 for 40, ably supported by Jehaan Thahir's 3 for 52, as Coudrey were knocked over for just 155.

The hosts, who desperately needed a victory to ease their relegation concerns, held their nerve to get home in the penultimate over. Simon Bennett (19) and Mark Stevens (10) came up with the vital runs after a middle-order collapse.

## Coudrey

	Runs
Andrew Hammond	5
Jack Southwart	19
Glen Warner	17
Lewis Wright	72
Chris Jones	2
Barney Scott	10
Andy Roberts	2
Will Needham	16
Gary Marshall	1
Rob Fenwick	0
Phil Sullivan	0
Extras	11
Total	155

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Trevor Earl	12	1	40	4
Paul Aylward	12	3	36	1
Paul Dennington	10	5	23	2
Jehaan Thahir	9.4	0	52	3

## Bobbing Court and Lower Halstow

	Runs
Jehaan Thahir	37
Adam Howard	32
Gary Ryan	15
Daniel Ball	6
Paul Dennington	6
Iain Foster	7
Trevor Earl	6
Simon Bennett	19
Mark Stevens	10
Paul Aylward	5
Ian Linsdell	0
Extras	15
Total	158

## Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Chris Jones	12	3	39	2
Rob Fenwick	6	0	29	0
Glen Warner	4	1	19	0
Phil Sullivan	9.4	1	39	3
Will Needham	6	2	13	0



# New Chats boss O'Brien aiming for the title

Picture: ADRIAN LINE



**CRUNCH:** Chatham's Tom Davey (in red) during Saturday's win against Margate

CHATHAM Town manager Alex O'Brien is setting his sights high on the eve of his first season in management.

The former Dartford midfielder took over the reins at Maidstone Road this summer.

He has assembled what looks like a strong squad ahead of their opening game of the Ryman South campaign this Saturday and has lofty expectations.

"I think we can win it", he told Yourmedway. "Injuries and suspensions can put a dent in how well you do in the league and some teams can go out and throw money at a striker which we can't do. But I think you've got to aim high and then see how we go, that's my philosophy."

The Chats started their pre-season games later than most but have recorded some impressive results. On Saturday they beat Margate 1-0, while there have

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also been victories against neighbours Maidstone United and Dagenham & Redbridge XI.

O'Brien has been pleased with his side's form but warned against reading too much into friendly victories.

He said: "Once the season starts it's going to be a whole new ball game. It's a whole new level of fitness and sharpness, so if they are in third gear now they need to find fourth and fifth pretty soon. I'm confident going into the season because we've got nothing to lose."

Striker Lee Barnett is unlikely to start Saturday's opening game at Godalming Town after picking up a small tear in his hamstring.

If he misses out, Justin Ascheri is likely to start up front alongside the returning Brendon Cass.

## BASKETBALL



**ALL-STAR:** New signing Brad Smith in action in Canada

## Crusaders cast their net wide for Smith and Currat

THE Medway Park Crusaders have stepped up their preparations for the new season after signing two import players.

Brad Smith joins after spending five years with the University of Western Ontario Mustangs, while Greg Currat arrives from Swiss Division 2 side Villars Basket.

Smith, who is awaiting his work permit before joining up with the Crusaders later this summer, admitted he was surprised to get the call from the Gillingham-based club.

He said: "It is very flattering to be chosen by Kent, especially being a player from Canada and having a team recognise you all the way in England, is very special. I'm very anxious to arrive in September and to help the team in any way that I can."

The pair join the bulk of last season's squad, who have so far re-signed ahead of the new Division Two season. The club are in the process of moving from Canterbury and the first team will play at a newly opened facility at Medway Park this season.

## Lords keep the faith

LORDSWOOD began the Kent League season with an encouraging performance as they went down to last season's title challengers Holmesdale.

The Lords trailed at half-time to Chris Hatt's opening goal and the deficit doubled two minutes into the second half when Badar Mohammed netted for the home side.

Lordswood hit back just after the hour mark through Bradley King, but they were unable to complete the comeback and grab a share of the points.

Next up is an FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round tie this Saturday. Lordswood make the trip to Sussex County League side Oakwood, six wins from the first round proper.

# Easy as 1-2-3 for Jacko as superb Gills hit five

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■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

### Gillingham 5

Bentley 12, Jackson 50, 85 & 87, Miller 74



### Swindon Town 0



SURVIVAL remains the key to Gillingham's season according to manager Mark Stimson, despite a wonderful start to their League One campaign.

In their first competitive game since winning the League Two play-off final at Wembley, the Gills romped to victory. Simeon Jackson notched a hat-trick and both Mark Bentley and Adam Miller were also on target to briefly send the club top of the table.

Stimson, who described it as a "dream start", was delighted with the display but feels it makes no difference to the squad's ambitions this season.

"The big picture is to survive because I know the division is tough" he said. "Maybe a result like this other teams might look at it and think 'hold on, when we go there we've got to give Gillingham the respect they deserve' and then it becomes even harder."

"For me let's survive until Christmas and let's hopefully be in a good position where I can knock on the chairman's door and say 'look, if you are serious about doing something it's going to take some investing'."

The club could pay their first transfer fees of the summer this week as they step up their chase to bring Danny Jackman back to the club. Gillingham were due to contact Northampton earlier this week to continue negotiations after the first bid was reportedly rejected.

The 26-year-old played two seasons for Gillingham before leaving for the Cobblers in 2007. He is reportedly keen to return to Priestfield and has handed in a transfer request.

Stimson also reiterated he would remain interested in signing top target Chris Dickson



Picture: ADY KERRY

**HAT-TRICK:** Simeon Jackson helped get the season off to a flier with a three-goal haul for Gillingham against Swindon Town

until the final week of the transfer window, which closes at the end of the month. The Priestfield boss laughed off Charlton manager Phil Parkinson's suggestion of swapping Dickson for Jackson.

Jackson himself was delighted to notch his first hat-trick for the club on Saturday but was keen to emphasise the role his team-mates played.

He said: "As a striker you want goals so it's good to get it done on the first day and back it up with a good performance from the whole team. I realise I need the service and [on Saturday] it was magnificent."

The Gills hosted Plymouth Argyle in the Carling Cup last night. Log on to [www.yourmedway.co.uk](http://www.yourmedway.co.uk) for the report and reaction from the first round tie.

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